

New York, May 1, 1935.

Dear Kirby:

Just received your wire with regard to MacDonald's estimate on work at your house. I am completely and utterly bewildered over the whole thing. You know I have never had anything to do with your house and know very little about it except that you had three or four tenants among whom were the Ludwigs who took care of things for you. When MacDonald came in with this estimate which he said covered tearing out a wall or some such destruction I was very dumb about it but sent you the wire as you are the one who is supposed to know what is going on at his own property. Now I get your wire to consult Mrs. Pearson of the CITY HOUSING CORPORATION to see if the estimate is reasonable.

But I thought you were one of the strikers against the doings of the City Housing? The letter from the City Housing (attached) would indicate that you had joined and refused to pay. Therefore, how can I call up someone connected with the City Housing and ask her to advise me as regards the price? It isn't being done this year. Mrs. Ludwig's letter (also attached) would bear me out I think.

I want to help all I can but please give me something to stand on in the way of information. What are you doing to your house? Who are the new tenants? What do you want done? I would much prefer that you handle it direct but I don't suppose you can do that being across the Continent most of the time. But if we, here in the office, are to do anything for you then we must know more than we do now so as not to appear like dyed-in-the-wool ignoramuses.

Sincerely,



P.S. Have just talked with MacDonald on the 'phone. He says the City Housing have definitely refused to have anything to do with this, so it wouldn't do any good to 'phone Mrs. Pearson anyhow. MacDonald says Kuh will take the house on a two years' lease providing this alteration is made. Judging from Mrs. Ludwig's letter you could avoid a lot of bother and worry if you would let her have the lower apartment. The Ludwigs would undoubtedly move if they haven't enough room and you will thereby lose a good tenant who can take care of things for you while you are halfway across the U.S.

Olive View, Calif. 5-2-35⁸

Dear Kirby —

I am not writing letters yet, but this wee note will let you know where I am located — Olive View Sanatorium, Olive View, California. It is up against the hills east of San Fernando, which is a bit north of Glendale. Am receiving good care and, I think, gaining steadily. It will be so good to see you. Visiting hours are 3-5 p.m., Wed. and Sunday. Cheerio — Paul.

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May 2, 1935.

Dear Kirby:

Well how goes the old sinner? It's been a long time since we had a visit. We have a very successful year here and are now in the midst of the biggest program of workers' dramatics ever presented in this country. Two companies of our players are out for nine weeks, covering more than one hundred cities with plays written here this year, dealing with current issues. Two anti-war plays are proving the most popular among the lot. Audiences are large and enthusiastic most everywhere. You certainly carry on mass education through plays, if you go at it vigorously.

But now I have to relate a sad tale. You have heard of over-work. Two thorough medical exams this month have confirmed a fear I have had for a year - that one of these pluggers has reached the end of his rope. The doctors say I must quit and rest for six months - or quit for good. For about a year and a half I've been suffering considerable physical pain in my hips, legs and back - too much pain to make life thoroughly enjoyable. Now slow paralysis has set in from the waist down, and I have to recognize the inevitable before it is too late.

To make the story worse, I returned from a long lecture trip to find that my faithful secretary and wife of the last fifteen years had cracked up under the strain. Myra has suffered a serious relapse mentally and lost all interest in life. The doctors say I shall lose her unless she, too, can go away to an entirely different world and play for at least six months.

It's an old story of all work, no play and little pay. My spirits are o.k., but my body has quit. She is down both physically and mentally. Doctors have a grand manner of talking of far distant, delightful and expensive resorts. And we haven't a cent. After talking it over with some of the old gang here, they have set up a committee to raise a fund to send us paupers away. Roger, Nevin, Devere, Harry Laidler and some others have worked out a budget and are passing the hat. Myra and I are deeply chagrined at the necessity for such a device, but we haven't drawn our salaries from either Brookwood or the Committee on Militarism, and just can't do anything else but accept this help.

The group wanted me to write you regarding the possibility of your suggesting a few names, and to ask whether you might drop a line to a few people who know us both. The figure they are trying to raise looks large, but it does seem to be a reasonable estimate. Mexico has been chosen as a retreat for three reasons; Myra took up Spanish a few years ago and has wanted to go to Mexico. She handles the language well. It's about the only place I've been able to suggest that has appealed to her. In the second place, it is quite different and meets the needs the doctors say. Then it is the best place they can suggest for Alice Ellen who must go with us, since she is my

trump card in trying to win Myra back to an interest in life. Living costs there are as low as anywhere ~~we~~ might go/ that would be far enough away for us to be beyond the call of the movement back home.

At first I was bowled over at the thought of having to quit/ for six months or a year, but after going over plans with the staff I believe that I can get away from Brookwood without doing serious damage here. In other words, I am not as indispensable as I might think. Guess the world can go on.

I imagine you have your money raising troubles. Brookwood certainly has them. But I'll be grateful for any suggestions you may make. If you can find time to drop a note to the enclosed list, it will help. If there are any of them you prefer not to write to, we can give the names to someone else. Devera Allen is acting as treasurer of the fund and receives the checks.

Will see you when we return in the fall. We are ~~leaving~~ trying to get away the latter part of May.

Cordially and gratefully yours,

Annie P.

Budget Needed for Medical Care and Rest

For Tucker P. Smith, Myra Smith, and Daughter.

Myra and Tucker Smith have been advised by the doctors to take a six months rest to recover their health, which has been seriously impaired by over-work in the movement. Alice Ellen Smith, their ten year old daughter will go with them. Tucker's mother-in-law must be provided for during the period.

Estimated costs.

Train travel to Mexico	\$625.00
Living expenses - 6 months @ \$150.00	900.00
Travel within Mexico, when health permits 6 mo. @ \$20.00	120.00
Miscellaneous items	100.00
Board for mother-in-law 6 mo. @ 25.00	150.00
<u>Medical services (hard to determine in advance)</u>	\$600 - 700.00
Maintaining life insurance 6 mo.	<u>125.00</u>
	\$2,620 - 2,720.00

Some of these items are difficult to estimate in advance, but it is in the nature of the case that such a project will be self-defeating if too much skimping is necessary.

Mexico has been chosen as a retreat because of the country offering a complete change, and for sentimental reasons. The doctors have advised that moderate mountain altitude is best for their needs.

Due to the fact that Tucker and Myra have worked for very low salaries, and have passed up their salaries for several years, their personal resources do not allow them to provide any substantial part of the above costs.

May 2, 1935.

Dear Kirby:

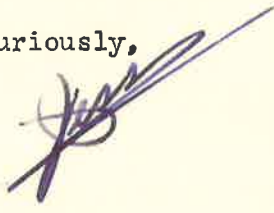
Just cast your optics on the attached. If this is correct and has been published then it is direct libel and slander. Mary and I are furious at this. We may be just your secretaries, my friend, but we know the sort of men we work for and we are loyal.

We are of the opinion that you should shut this organization up once and for all. It is O.K. to disagree with you but to tell deliberate lies is something else again. Why don't you investigate this and carry it through to a finish? I know you don't like violence but you should certainly fight for your honor and integrity, don't you think?

It is not just enough to deny or refute this charge. For the protection of others whom they may choose to slander in much the same way you should do something so that responsible members of the Legion may not be placed in embarrassing positions by a few nasty-minded morons.

You should gather the facts in this instance and take it up with someone like Arthur Garfield Hays. If you have anything at all on which to base your case then it is your duty to do something and drag this one particular Post at least into the limelight and make them crawl.

Furiously,



P.S. Mary is particularly upset over this because whatever southern papers such statements appear in reach her own people in Mobile. She wants to know what her Aunt Maria is going to think about her working for a man who is sponsoring "free love colonies." Ha! Ha!

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May 2, 1935.

Mr. Kirby Page
52 Vanderbilt Avenue
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Page:

On April 25th we wrote you in regard to your contributing an article on the economic background and effects of war for the June issue of the WHARTON REVIEW.

We should appreciate a word from you to the effect that we may count upon you, so that our list of contributors to the issue may be complete.

It is the custom of our magazine to include a brief biographical sketch and picture of each of our contributors. In accordance with this, kindly send us biographical data and a picture of yourself suitable for reproduction in our journal.

Very truly yours,

THE WHARTON REVIEW

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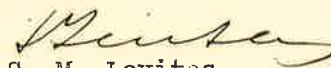
Kirby Page
240 South Bright Avenue
Whittier, California

Dear Comrade Page:

We have just received a copy of your pamphlet on "Property" and would very much like to use it in serial form in The New Leader. We hope you will give us permission to do so. You remember our recent conversation concerning contributions from you for The New Leader. I presume that time and work do not permit you to write specially for The New Leader and I am certain you will agree with us that your articles in The New Leader will serve an important educational purposes.

Please wire your reply collect.

Fraternally yours,



S. M. Levitas
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32 Augusta Avenue,
Pontiac, Michigan,
May 4th 1935.

Mr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Page:-

After reading your recent articles in the Christian Century, am forced by my conception of what is right and what is wrong, to write to you; as one who, for some time back has made every effort on many occasions to say something favorable about what you have written, yourself as a speaker and the World Tomorrow, feel that I'm not ignoring ordinary restraining factors by doing so. I sincerely hope that if I am wrong, there will be some way in which you can point out my error to me; likewise if I am right in what I propose to discuss, hope that I shall be able to make some change in your beliefs respecting some things with which I'm unable to agree.

Two years ago, or even one, the possibility that you might not be correct at all times had never occurred to me; in my circle of friends, which isn't small for one in my station in life, a number of people have assailed me regarding my belief in certain things you've written, and after calling into play much more patience than I would have shown myself had the circumstances been reversed, one or two have brought me to where I believe I'm beginning to see the light. This letter is likely to be much longer than I would like, so am skipping particular reference to the articles I have in mind in order to conserve your time and mine, and will confine my remarks to incidents in past political and economic history, which suggest to me that there is something wrong with either your philosophy or my own.

To begin, an item of news: along with about forty other Pontiac people, I attended a hearing on a Sedition Bill in the Capitol at Lansing one night this past week. To hear the perfectly stupid and asinine arguments presented by the supporters, has convinced me that reformers have nothing to say in which people are at all interested and that only those who are "a long way advanced in their economics" will be able to gain support from and lead people who know how to think. There was ample applause for every radical who spoke, but only boos and hisses for the conservatives, including a former governor. The Hearst papers report this otherwise, and I think it worth while to mention this, as I suppose similar history is being made simultaneously in other states and reports garbled in the same manner.

Let me suggest that Thomas, Chase, Olson, Morgan, Mellon, Schwab, Townsend, Coughlin, Long, Roosevelt and Hoover are all alike as far their interference with building a decent economic system is

concerned, because all their efforts are directed toward preserving the capitalist economy. Whether they wrap the profit system in folds of red, white and blue bunting and yell "communist" at all who object to it or only rant about the abuses makes no fundamental difference. Likewise, Social Democrats, Mensheviks, Socialists, Communists, members and followers of the Farmer-Labor, British Labour and Independent Labour parties and other parliamentarians are all subject in varying degrees to the same criticism. Unless you are thoroughly familiar with the chapter on Ramsey MacDonald in Strachey's *Coming Struggle for Power*, the two chapters about The Policy of the Lesser Evil in his *Menace of Fascism* and the three chapters on How Fascism Came in Italy, Germany and Austria respectively in R. Palme Dutt's *Fascism and Social Revolution*, let me urge you to read and thoroughly understand them all as this will be just as important as anything you or I have ever done in our lives. We are both concerned more than anything else with human lives and values, but without these facts, our bases for determining what to do about this tremendously important subject is no good whatever.

Let us go back to 1917. The Russian Social Democratic Party elected Kerensky who proceeded to negotiate further foreign loans for the purpose of carrying on the war; the people who elected him didn't want any more war - they wanted "Peace, Land and Bread" and they used the only means so far discovered, for people in a stricken land to get these things.

About the same time, ~~in~~ 1918 the German Social Democratic Party elected Ebert as President; all through his time in office, every move was prompted by his concern lest something happen to capitalism. I don't know the exact dates, but later the Social Democratic Party put up no candidate but voted for the reactionary Hindenberg as the only way of defeating Hitler, and still later they voted for Hitler (with an understanding that they would collaborate after the election) as the only alternative to Communism. Now, with Hitler in the saddle, we can decide as to whether it was in Russia or in Germany that a mistake was made in 1917 and 1918. The answer is obvious.

That no farmer or working class party has ever been able to elect candidates to office except when the major parties recognize the need of certain governmental policies which cannot be adopted without full farmer and working class support is amply proved by events in England. Limitation of wages, reduction of unemployment insurance and curtailment or complete elimination of other social services have all been accomplished under MacDonald, while if these things had been attempted by either a Liberal or Conservative administration, revolution would have been inevitable. Under the Means Test now in effect, no matter how many years a worker has paid into the unemployment insurance fund, if anyone in his family still has a job, he gets nothing. Even now, Stanley Baldwin is the head of the government; MacDonald has repudiated everything he has ever stood for or said in his whole career and there he stands: just look at him. In the limelight, which is all he ever wanted anyway, but not even the respectable shell of a man; surely he represents nothing. What will future historians have to say of him? Only that he helped to make it possible for capitalism to "live on it's fat" a few years longer; that is all.

In Italy, the membership of the Social Democratic Party in 1920 was

about 220,000 which is approximately the same proportion of the total population as thirty times the present membership of the Socialist Party would be of the population of the United States in 1930. In 1920, the industries of Northern Italy attempted to crush the unions by means of a general lockout, the men refused to be locked out and 500,000 of them remained in possession of these key industries. Neither the owners or the government were able to get them out, but the leaders of the Confederation of Labour, who were controlled by the leaders of the Social Democratic Party were called on to do this. After this "achievement" and on account of the fifteen or twenty thousand leaders following a policy of collaboration with the ministry and parliament, the membership fell away while the party of Mussolini grew from 20,000 to 250,000 in one year. Almost unheard of at the time of the attempted lockout, they were voted into power thirteen months later. Exactly the same thing can happen here, and will if we don't watch out.

It seems plain to me that people will not follow reformist leadership. This is definitely the reason why organizations now known as radical are made up of generals with now followings. I have dropped my membership in the Socialist Party, and if I cannot afford to risk going along with an organization which proposed to do something about the crazy situation we are all in, I will not help one of the other kind. There are too many of them anyway, they have too many "generals" and do not need you nor do they need me. We should both recognize this and find out where we are needed and where what we can do will count.

Of course, you will say that this is communism; you have said almost this about two different organizations which recognize the facts of the situation; these are the League Against War and Fascism and New America. If recognition of the facts depends on how close we must come to being communists, it seems to me that it won't be long now before there will be a lot of people to be so classified; you and I might just as well hop on the band wagon now as wait untill it's so crowded that good seats are no longer available.

In all good spirit, and hoping that this letter is not too long for you, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Harold A. Cowell

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May 4, 1935

Mr. Kirby Page
347 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Kirby:

The Northwest is quite excited about your returning for the Seabeck conference. The Girl Reserve department has written you air mail asking that you stay over for two or three days to give several talks to them. I hope you will be able to do that, for it means so much to begin to get that sort of idea into the minds of the younger girls. *a letter from Mrs. E.B. Naughton, 2857 S.E. Carlton St., Portland, Ore. asks whether you can stay several days for the G.W. Conf. Will you please write her whether you can?*

We are asking you to give the first major address of the conference, not on Saturday night, because the students will be too tired to give you their full attention, but on Sunday and Monday nights. I think people are always impressed with your conception of the Family of God. Rather than going directly into the idea of economic reconstruction which is necessary for the building of that family, will you spend a great deal of time upon your religious philosophy and your conception of the characteristics of this family? I believe that with such a background as that, and such a knowledge of your own motivations, the students will be able to follow you much more quickly into your concept of a social order.

We are asking you to speak also on War on Friday night. Saturday night has not yet been decided, but it is barely possible we shall want you again then. Of course an extra speech or so is a matter of small concern to you.

The Y. M. C. A. business men's club in Seattle is holding a week-end conference at about the same time as ours and is asking for one of our speakers. I am recommending you, although of course it may be that you are too radical for them. By the time you have indicated that you're a socialist, some people do shut their minds.

Will you have several copies of your "Property" in the ten cent edition sent to the Estes and Seabeck conferences?

Fern writes that she does so want you for all the time you can give at Hollister, so I am talking it over with Hal. As we had Cherrington and Miss Fackt, I suppose it is only fair to release you. I shall see you, therefore, at Seabeck on June 15. *She written Fern a quidding "yes" that will please you, but the applause at the state banquet ~~and~~ it was assumed that you were coming, indicates that they will be disappointed. (I'm writing this while talking).*

Sincerely,

Stella

First Congregational Church

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REV. HENRY KENDALL BOOTH, D. D., PASTOR

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LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

May 4, 1935.

Mr. Kirby Page,
240 South Bright Avenue,
Whittier, California.

My Dear Mr. Page:-

I regret very much to find it necessary to decline the invitation to meet ^{with} ~~at~~ the first meeting of the group, but it so happens, unfortunately, that that date has been chosen for the date of our Annual meeting at Eagle Rock of our State Conference. Being involved in several of the elements of the program there I am afraid it will be impossible for me to get away. I shall hope to be present without fail at the next meeting which you have set and which I have placed upon my calendar of engagements.

I know that I should get much more from the group meeting you are holding, than the Conference, but you know how necessary it is sometimes to fulfill ones obligations to ones own denomination.

Yours sincerely,

Henry K. Booth

HKB:MFG

May 5, 1933-

Dr. Kirby Page,
240 Bright Ave.,
Whittier, California.

Dear Doctor Page: Yes, I did reply to your valued invitation to the meeting of May 14th., accepting the same on what I called "probation". This was said because I am not sure that I will fit well into a group of that kind, although vastly interested in its purpose as I understand it.

I wonder what became of my letter, addressed to your Whittier address, and bearing my "return". Could the Black Hand or the Red Squad, or something, be getting even more super-active than usual?

I am notifying Al Hunter.

Yours truly,

Clarence M. Case

31 Sixteenth Avenue,
Columbus, Ohio.
May 5, 1935.

Dr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Page;

As you may remember my telling you when I saw you for a short time here in Columbus last January I am intending to enter Union Theological Seminary next fall. Perhaps you will recall also that I told you that it would be necessary for me to earn my way through seminary as I have largely done here at Ohio State University, and when I asked you what I might be able to do you suggested that I communicate with Professors Van Deusen and Swift of Union about a position.

I have done so, and Professor Tryon, the Registrar, sent me a letter recently to say that I had been granted a field work position. However, since I am engaged to Theodora Tucker, the daughter of Dr. Robert Leonard Tucker, and we are hoping to be married before next winter, he suggested that it would be necessary for me to have an additional assured income of at least five hundred dollars during the year, before I enter Union. My fiancée is a trained social caseworker and we are hoping that she may be able to supplement our income by getting such a position in New York City or vicinity.

However since I shall need, in accordance with Professor Tryon's suggestion, the five hundred dollars in addition to the field work to enter Seminary I am trying to locate something in the nature of a student charge or any kind of work which would provide such a remuneration. I wondered if you would know of anything that I might be able to get so that I may enter Seminary next fall. I could arrange to come to New York soon if there should be an opening during the summer.

I shall greatly appreciate any help that you may be able to give me on this matter,

Very sincerely yours,

Charles Hart

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May 6th, 1935.

Messrs. Eddy & Page,
#347 Madison Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Page:

Your little booklet is a remarkable document of facts concerning the subject of "property". It should have a very wide circulation.

There is but one grave situation, the division that exists among the various radical groups. They are all united on one issue, and why cannot they unite for the sole cause of making effective the basic issue of social control of industry. Then after this main issue has been established, iron out their differences accordingly. It could be done very peaceably because minor issues of government do not require heroic treatment for an effective settlement. The basic ones do require the use of heroic remedies.

The first evidence of breakdown of society lies in the division of the masses into classes. A multitude of class organizations, fighting one another, getting no where. Making it easy for a strong mendacious minority group to keep power and rule by exploitation while the class strife weakens the masses.

Your book is strong, full of facts, but very weak in the means of establishing a collective society. No exploiting group are going to relinquish their power or rule by peaceful means. Only the use of ruthless force will keep this group from over-throwing any kind of a collective type of government.

Very truly yours,

W. K. Garrison
#37 Langdon Ave,
Watertown, Mass.

How To Achieve Social Justice?

Enclosed herewith you will find check for the sum of \$2.50, of which 50¢ is for five copies of your most excellent booklet entitled "Property". The "other" is a donation for helping toward the salvation of the masses of society. Possibly Mencken would say the asses or nitwits of society to attain social justice, something they would ^{later} lose, abuse, and fail to appreciate. For that same cause Christ was inhumanly crucified on the cross, and since then, ever since then, every one else that made a real gesture toward the salvation of the so-called human family.

I wish to send five copies of your little booklet to some friends of mine. Have always admired your "social gospel" and your wonderful faith in the salvation of human kind(???) by peaceful means. I only wish the desired remedy can be applied or used by peaceful means. You must hold fast to your belief, and not falter in prosecuting the "good work" for which you have been called. I believe the Gospel tells to go preach to the heathen, to tell all the people the glad tidings! They all need it, especially the so called Christians. They appear to need it more than others because they profess too much. Let me explain:

Life is a great tragedy, conceived in pleasure, born in pain and much travail. Referring to the greatest book of all books, the Bible. its main theme of salvation is "without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin". The Old Testament continually reminds you of the sinner and his sin offering, the latter being some innocent thing that has life who must have its blood shed before the sinner is forgiven. That the route to salvation is through the "shed blood" route. "Peace, there can be no peace" is a familiar quotation expressed by the Son of Man who gave up His life for us that we may "have life and have it more abundantly".

Through peaceful means the Republican party was born and came into power on the issue of chattel slavery. What happened to the decision of the popular vote of this country regarding chattel slavery? It was later annulled by the decision (Dred Scott) of the Supreme Court of the U.S. The great Civil War had to decide this issue. It had to be decided by the "shed blood" route. And history records that every social decision of basic importance has had to be decided by means of the shedding of blood. And why?

In September 1932 issue of American Mercury (by Cram) was printed an article of why we did not behave like human beings. In the April issue of the Atlantic Monthly is another article written by Alfred Jay Nock, "The Quest For the Missing Link". And the "Revolt of The Masses" by Ortega y Gasset adds more thought upon the same subject that the great majority of the so-called human family are not human beings. They are merely the most highly developed form of animal life. Democracy has been a failure because the great majority of people have been incapable of governing themselves. From the beginning of recorded history the great majority of people have been governed by a powerful minority group. Believe it was Alfred Jay Nock who defined so called human government as "an unintelligent majority ruled or governed by an intelligent minority for profitable considerations". That the ruling power has always been one of exploitation. It yet remains to be seen if greed for ruling power or the abuses of bureaucracy may not be the undoing of the the present Russian government. The weakness of all so-called human government lies in the control of the majority by a minority. When the great masses of humanity are able intellectually and morally rule the minority interests, then there is some real hope for the "abundant life" which lies somewhere beyond the horizon of our present forms of government. The problem lies in making human beings out of the great majority of the people. Perhaps biology is the answer to this problem, and starting from the "cradle" a new breed can be produced that will make possible a sane and humane

kind of "collective" form of society. All forms of Government are founded on the doctrine of force, and perhaps if the masses can be made over into real human beings then a stable socialistic kind of government will bring untold blessing to the people.

The depression has taught the people, the majority of them somewhat of a lesson. Not all are willing to admit that a collective kind of society must be developed. But most all of them are no longer ignorant about the failure of Capitalism. The majority of them are cowards, not willing "to take it on the chin" for the sake of a good cause. Have not forgotten how the rank and file of the Socialists faded from view during the great World War. "Many have come but few are chosen". And the so-called Liberals how they have faded away since the depression deepened in intensity. They served the purpose of blocking the progress of the radical and conservative groups.

It is written "Ye must be born again before you can see the Kingdom of God". The average man must be born again, made human before he can see the gospel of social-salvation. He blocks the progress of the cause. He belongs to the unintelligent majority. It is he who makes it necessary to travel the "shed blood" route to salvation. Why are the communists hunted, hated, and despised? Because they preach a truthful doctrine the only possible means for social salvation. The intelligent minority know that it is the only means by which their rule can be over-thrown.

There never was any real argument ^{that} could be made in defense of Capitalism. A strong minority-group of ruling property-class holding in subjection, exploiting the large masses of the people. Extracting or subtracting their wealth, appropriated by the minority group. Not so much for the value of the wealth as for the ruling power that wealth affords the owners. There has been only one country that has made any headway in changing this system of government. Reference being made to Russia, and as said before the greatest weakness of Russian government lies in the rulership of a powerful minority group. Will they succeed in humanizing the great majority of Russian people? A new commandment I give you that "ye must love one another"! Until that commandment is factually realized there is no hope for the people.

Races of people come and go just as bacteria first thrive and then die within the culture medium of the test-tube. The bacteria secrete a poison or toxin which destroys them. Races of so-called human beings secrete social poisons which also destroy them. Will Europe be able to survive and change to a federation of states all ruled by a socialized government? Must a great war be needed to bring about this much needed development? And will this country have to wage war in order that the frightful results of the carnage and sufferings of the people drive us to adopt a socialized kind of government? My contention is that the people will have to endure much suffering before they attain a humanized kind of government. Unless they are able to survive the ordeal, it means the passing away of the white races. Adam was told not to eat of the Tree of Knowledge, of Good and Evil. Evidently that Tree was only intended for human beings to partake of its fruit without spoiling them.

I wish you every success, and hope that the various minority groups will have intelligence enough to work together for one common cause, a collective state of society. Divided as they are there is no hope for the future. Get together now--- "a house divided against itself cannot stand."

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Mr. Kirby Page
New York City

Dear Mr. Page:

I am planning to publish a book:

"Public Enemies" or "Present Perils of
Youth and America".

After hearing you speak for our
Ohio Pastors Convention in Columbus
in February and after having a personal
word with you there, I am writing to you
to ask, if you can help me a little?

I would like to have you write a
Chapter of four or five thousand words,
more or less, on the subject: "Paralyzed
Patriotism."

I have always admired your

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fine and courageous stand you have taken, and would like very much to have you as one of the contributing editors for the book.

Some of the Chapters will be: "The Liquor Question": "The Guilt of Gambling": Complaint against the Cigarette": "Moral Matters" ect. ect.

Should the subject: "A Paralyzed Patriotism" not quite suit you, then perhaps some kindred subject of your own choosing would be very acceptable.

Do hope you can help me, and would also like to have your photograph if possible.

Trusting to hear from you.
I am Yours Most Sincerely
Carl Vernon Roop

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May 6, 1935.

Eddy and Page,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I am grateful to you for the statement by Mr. Page on "Property" which has just come to hand. I am going through this with a great deal of interest and shall call it to the attention of my class. I am very happy to have it at this time because we are working on the problem of one's own personal economic ideal.

Very cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. H. Morgan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

WHM:JG



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May 6, 1935

Miss Fern Babcock
404 E. 10th Street
Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Fern:

It was good to see you on Petit Jean and have at least a short visit. I want to tell you again of my genuine gratitude to you for your help in getting Kirby Page. I feel he did great service for us in Little Rock, and know his visit enriched my life.

I am still looking for material concerning Hollister and have hopes of seeing you there.

Sincerely your friend,

Marshall

Dear Kirby -

Thanks again for all your excellent work in the Southwestern. It was great to have you.

We shall be expecting you at Hollister, June 3. Your first speech will be at 9: A. M. June 4. If you wish to be met at Spring field, let me know! - I am

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May 7, 1935

Mr. Kirby Page
347 Madison Ave.,
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Page:

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In the HAVERSACK, our story paper for boys, distributed through the church schools, we are quoting from your "Dollars and World Peace." We wrote the publishers as given on the pamphlet who referred us to another publisher who denies control of the copyright. I write to inform you of our use of the material, and if it is not all right we shall try to make it right.

We are delighted that we are to have you with the Methodist Young People's Conference at Memphis, December 27--31. It would help me in advance publicity for that occasion if you would send me a list of the publications you have "authored" and sponsored.

Yours very sincerely,

R. L. Hunt.

RLH:RCF

May 8th, 1935

Dear Jerry:

Upon my return to the city after a long absence I find that your letter of April 15th got buried. I do hope that you can come for the meeting on May 14th. At that time we can discuss in detail the time for future meetings.

Would you be willing to prepare carefully a service of corporate worship for the last 15 minutes before supper and also another 15 minute worship period at 8.45.

These gatherings should help to kindle our spiritual lives and I hope we can take plenty of time for meditation and prayer.

It will be good to see you.

Cordially yours,

H. Jerry Voorhis
Voorhis School for Boys
San Dimas, California

KP/mk

MRS. RICHARD M. CAMERON - BARRETT'S MILL ROAD - CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

May 8, 1935.

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Contrib.
Separated

My dear Mr. Page,

I am sending you a contribution
toward your budget for 1935. I wish that
it might be larger, but it will show you,
at least, that Richard and I are still
interested in your work, and admire your
fine achievements.

Yours sincerely,
Lucy Gray Cameron.

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May 8, 1935.

Mr. Kirby Page
Box 247
La Habra, Cal.

Dear Kirby:-

The enclosed news release lists the names of those who answered your appeal to sign the open letter to the people of Japan. You will see that the response was most encouraging. These names all came in within a week. Since the forms were closed we have about twenty-five other names which came in too late to be used. The expressions on many of these cards and letters which were returned were most appreciative of the opportunity of rendering this service to better international relations.

May I take this opportunity of thanking you for your invaluable assistance?

Sincerely yours,

Harold E. Fey^r

HEF:GM

May 8th, 1935

My dear Comrade Milgram:

Upon my return to the city after
a long absence I find your important letter.

I wish that I had some constructive
suggestion to offer. I will talk your situa-
tion over with several friends and see if I
can discover anything, in which case I will
pass along any suggestion that occurs to me.

With every good wish, I am

Fraternally yours,

Mr. Morris Milgram
Student League for Industrial Democracy
112 East 19th Street
New York, New York

KP/mk

SHERWOOD EDDY

347 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK CITY

May 8, 1935.

Dear Kirby:

Many thanks for yours from Parkville. I have not yet found just the series of devotional readings which we need for next year. Oldham's Diary comes nearest to it, but I fear that Harper will hold the copyright.

Could you tell me a little more fully just what your pamphlet on the class war will cover. Unless you went out of your way to give several pages to a very careful definition of capitalism, fascism, communism, and socialism of the Norman Thomas variety, I doubt whether your pamphlet would cover all that we want. I also do not think that we can afford two pamphlets thus overlapping. By going out of your way a little and making your pamphlet a little longer, you might cover the ground. Please let me know as soon as possible just what ground you intend to cover in this pamphlet on the class war.

I do not think that you and I are to be at Hollister together, as I believe I am to take Estes first and then Hollister, to avoid having you and me at the same time in one conference.

I will let you know about the situation of the houses a little later on. The fight is still on and the case of the evictions is already in court being tried. We are in the midst of the battle.

Ever affectionately yours,



Mr. Kirby Page,
240 South Bright Avenue,
Whittier, Calif.

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May 8, 1935.

Dr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Page:

Am sure you know that I appreciate very sincerely your most splendid help at our recent Conference on Petit Jean Mountain. That Conference certainly ranked high, if indeed it did not surpass any meeting we have ever held on that spot for many years. This was made possible for several reasons. but I think largely because of the splendid leadership that you and the other men gave to the meeting. If you could see the letters which I have received from some of our students from over the State, you would feel repaid for your effort in connection with this Conference.

As stated above, I am sure you know that your coming was appreciated, but I have such a tender conscience it would not let me sleep until I had sent you a letter to this effect.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. A. Hunter".

Secretary.

May 8th, 1935

Dear Mary:

Thanks for your effective cooperation. Books arrived at the various places and sales were good.

I shall be in and around Whittier until the 1st of June when I go to Hollister, Mo. for the Student Conference and I expect to arrive at Hollister on Monday, June 3rd and to remain until Monday, the 10th. I then go to Grinnell, Iowa, care of Institute of International Relations for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, that is, through the 14th. I shall be at Seabeck, Washington, c/o Student Conference, from Monday, June 17th through the 22nd, then I am to be at Mills College, California, from June 25th through the 30th, c/o Institute of International Relations.

During most of July I am to be at home.

Will you please consult with Ray Newton about shipments of our books and pamphlets to the various Institutes of International Relations which are being conducted by the Quakers.

I presume you have already checked with the Association Press about shipments to the various student conferences including Y.W. Conferences.

You had better sent 500 copies of PROPERTY to me at Whittier and I will use them at various meetings.

Thanks a lot,

Miss Mary Lyon
347 Madison
New York, New York

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Mr. Kirby Page
347 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Kirby:--

I am having them send you immediately a copy of the reprint of "The Arms Inquiry" study which is in the issue of May 15th, along with your article on "A Program for Peace Action". (By the way, I was glad that it worked out that the two things could be in the same issue).

I want two pieces of help from you, if your conscience will let you give them.

- (some quote, I mean)
- (1) I want something ^(some quote, I mean) that we can use in the promotion material.
 - (2) I want you to do whatever needs to be done to see whether a large number of these reprints cannot be used in discussion groups of the Y M C A.

You know how to get at the "Y" crowd and I don't, and it seems to me that this is exactly the sort of thing that they could use to great advantage. Hubert Herring has some sort of a deal on with Bob Willett for an imprint edition for use by the Congregational Council for Social Action, and it may be that the "Y" could do something of the same sort. Bob is putting these things out at 10 cents a copy -- \$7.50 per hundred, but, of course, he makes special arrangements where large numbers are involved. We have made negotiations to have them wherever Nye speaks.

Can you give us any other advice as to how to increase the distribution? You are an old hand at this game. We have already had more than 4,000 advance orders and this seems to us to indicate that there is a good chance for a heavy circulation if the thing is properly pushed.

Ever yours,



PH
EH

KIRBY PAGE
240 SOUTH BRIGHT AVENUE
WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

May 9th, 1936

My dear Mr. McConnell:

I have delayed replying to your letter as I have been puzzled to know what course I should pursue. As a matter of fact, the amount we have been receiving from rent has been always enough to continue our full payments to the City Housing Corporation.

Under the circumstances I have hesitated to keep this money and refrain from making a regular monthly payment, however, Sherwood Eddy and Roland Elliott have both urged me to join other residents in withholding payments until some adjustment is made. I am, therefore, enclosing a check for \$10.00 for the committee.

Please send me the statement prepared by Prof. Frederick and any other information I should have.

Cordially yours,

Mr. John McConnell
Cons. Home Owners' Mortg. Com.
39th Avenue, Cor. 49th St.
Sunnyside, Long Island City, N.Y.

Encl.
KP:mk

Kirby Page
240 South Bright Avenue
Whittier, California

May 9th, 1935

Dear Harold:

I was delighted indeed to get your note of April 23rd and rejoice in the spirit you are showing. I confess I am greatly relieved to hear that you are not planning for a divorce, although I do not see how you can continue an affectionate relationship with Bernite without an ultimate breach with Laura.

I shall pray constantly that all of you may be given guidance. One thing seems certain, and that is that a divorce would utterly wreck Laura's future. I am very doubtful about the wisdom of Faye spending the summer with Laura.

Do you see any reason why I should not write to Laura, raising a question of the wisdom of this step?

I am still hopeful that you and Laura will be able to work things out happily for your own sakes and for the welfare of the children.

By all means keep me intimately in touch with developments.

I have just completed a wonderful trip, taking in the University of California, the University of Oregon, the University of Washington, then down through Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, speaking incessantly.

Mother is here with us now. This afternoon we spent gardening on the hill top. We expect to move in about the first of June. You probably would scarcely have been able to believe your own eyes had you seen me spading the ground for turnips and squash!

I shall be home until the first of June, then I am to be away for a month, attending four conferences. July, August and September will be spent playing on the hill top and doing a lot of writing.

I almost forgot to tell you that I had a good talk with Jessie Wilson at a student's conference in Arkansas. He was delighted to know of the news I was able to pass on to him from your letter.

Affectionately yours,

May 9th, 1936

Dear Jess:

Thanks for your letter about the shipment of books, etc. Be sure to be generous when you reimburse the men in the shipping room.

Please send me the stuff in the bottom left hand drawer of my desk and in the drawer above that. You will remember that I suggested that you look in there for the material on the "United Front" which Sherwood wanted--be sure to send back to me all that material.

The little radio on the floor in my office should be shipped also.

Splendid progress is being made on the house and we are all getting more and more excited.

Thanks a thousand times for your help.

May 9th, 1935

My dear Mr. Ball:

I am sorry indeed for the long delay in replying to your letter, but I have just returned after a five weeks tour.

I am working on a pamphlet in which I plan to deal with Dr. Coe's recent article.

Cordially yours,

Lee H. Ball, Secretary
National Religious Committee
112 E. 19th Street, Rm. 605
New York City

KP:mk

May 9th, 1935

Dear Sydney:

I am just back home after a strenuous five weeks tour which took me as far as University of California, University of Oregon, University of Washington, and then down through Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. I had a grand time. You will find it easy to believe this when I tell you that they let me talk incessantly.

I had a good letter from Harold and am more perplexed than ever because he tells me that they have given up the thought of a divorce. He thinks he is still in love with Bernita, but is unwilling to divorce Laura as long as she is unwilling. Harold says that relationships have improved substantially and he thinks there is a chance of reconciliation--which all sounds so queer. At any rate, Laura is not going to teach during the coming year.

Thanks for your letter from Doctor Nelson.

Good progress is being made on the house and we expect to move in early in June. Mother is here now and we spent the afternoon gardening. You would scarcely have been able to believe your own eyes if you had seen me spading the ground for turnips and squash! We are very much pleased with the way the youngsters are getting along. This appears to have been a wise move.

I shall be home until the first of June, then I am to be away for a month attending four conferences. July, August and September will be spent playing on the hill top and doing a lot of writing.

Drop me a line and tell me about your plans for the summer.

Affectionately yours,

Mr. Sydney Gamble
347 Madison Ave.
New York, New York

KP:mk

May 9th, 1935

My dear Prof. North:

Your important letter of April 22nd finally caught up with me. I have been away on a long tour.

I am keenly interested in what you have written and wish that we had a chance to talk this important matter over face to face.

Do keep me in touch with developments at your end.

Cordially yours,

Prof. C. C. North
The Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio

KP:mk

Kirby Page
240 South Bright Avenue
Whittier, California

May 9th, 1935

Dear Clarice:

Your long letter has upset me considerably. I wired you that if arrangements had not already been made with the Kuh family that we would cancel that arrangement and let your people move down stairs. The fact that you did not send me a telegram makes me think that the arrangement has been carried too far to cancel. Neither Alma nor I had any idea that you wanted the six rooms. We thought you wanted the four room apartment. We did not know about this until we had already told Mr. Kuh that he could have the apartment.

You are correct in thinking that the absentee landlord system has its disadvantages. We will give you at least 15% to take the house off our hands. It is nothing but a nuisance and a financial loss, although I must confess we have fared much better than most Sunnyside residents. After making payments for eight years we still owe much more than the present value of the house. Do you want to play the "Good Samaritan" and take the house off our hands? I think I hear echoes of loud Ha-ha's! Therefore I am sure you will find nothing in my pamphlet on PROPERTY inconsistent with my views on the house.

If Mr. and Mrs. Kuh are planning to move in on June 1st I will leave the question of the basement entirely to your judgment. I am enclosing a separate letter, if you have to discuss this matter with them. We have made no commitments at all to them about using the basement.

Please send rent payments to us at this address as we are not making any further payments to the City Housing Corporation until adjustments have been made.

Why don't you make an arrangement with Miss Reynolds to use her apartment during the frequent periods when she is away. This would give you intermittent moments of comfort.

I think Alma has already written you about having McDonald pack and ship certain pieces of furniture. We cannot thank you for your continued cooperation and it would be a great blow if you felt obliged to move elsewhere, although we can well understand your need for additional room. If I had not been so dumb I would have cancelled the arrangement with Mr. Kuh when your first letter came, but even then I did not get the idea that you wanted the six rooms.

I want to disabuse your mind of one impression which you have. Instead of taking life easy in California I have been at home less this year than usual, indeed, I have travelled 30,000 miles within the United States, telling the world. I doubt if there

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Clarice Ludwig:

are three people in the United States who have made more
talks on Socialism this year than I have.

Alma joins in sending warmest regards to all of you.

As ever,

Mrs. Walter Ludwig
3947 Forth Eighth Street
Sunnyside, Long Island
New York

Kirby Page
240 South Bright Avenue
Whittier, California

May 9th, 1935

Dear Clarice:

I am uncertain as to just what use is now being made of the basement. Since you are the oldest tenant we want to give you precedence in utilizing the basement.

This letter will be sufficient authority in discussing this matter with Mr. and Mrs. Kuh and with Miss Reynolds.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Walter Ludwig
3947 Forty Eighth Street
Sunnyside, Long Island, New York

KP:mk

May 9th, 1935

My dear Dr. Hughs:

I am sorry indeed that I cannot accept membership on the Emergency Anti-War Committee as I shall be in New York very rarely from now on.

I have just completed a strenuous five weeks tour which took me as far as the University of California, University of Oregon, University of Washington, and then down through Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. I had a grand time, speaking incessantly.

Cordially yours,

Dr. Jessie W. Hughs
171 West 12th St.
New York, New York

KP:mk

May 9th, 1935

My dear Pres. Morehouse:

Let me thank you for your letter about Mr. Glenn Holman.

Unfortunately I am not in a position to avail myself of his services, although I have no doubt he would render conspicuous service.

I am sorry to hear you have been under the weather, but hope you have fully recovered by this time.

This has been a busy and rewarding year for me. I have travelled about 30,000 miles in all parts of the United States and have been speaking incessantly.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially yours,

Pres. D. W. Morehouse
Drake University
Des Moines, Iowa

KP:mk

May 9th, 1935

My dear Mr. McConnell:

I have delayed replying to your letter as I have been puzzled to know what course I should pursue. As a matter of fact, the amount we have been receiving from rent has been always enough to continue our full payments to the City Housing Corporation.

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Kirby Page
240 South Bright Avenue
Whittier, California

May 9th, 1935

Dear Comrade Larsen:

In reply to your letter of April 29th I did have a very unpleasant experience with Comrades Mr. and Mrs. Fagen while I was in Lansing. I have not the slightest inclination to press charges against them. All I can say is that in my many years of speaking on the public platform I was never assailed so bitterly by a chairman as by Comrade Fagen at the end of my address.

Then his wife and daughter made ill-tempered attacks upon me.

In reply to your inquiry about the possibility of my doing some speaking in Michigan I am sorry to say that I shall be in the West for several months now.

Fraternally yours,

Mr. Arthur E. Larsen
Socialist Party of Michigan
225 Forest East
Detroit, Michigan

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May 10, 1935

Mr. Kirby Page
Care of Eddy and Page
347 Madison Avenue
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Page:

I regret very much that I was not here when you were. I appreciate your leaving me a copy of the Industry Series Number 14, entitled Property. I shall be glad to have it. Personally, I am not disturbed about what you said at the college. It seems to me that no harm can come from frank discussions of existing questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Uel W. Lamkin" with a small "w" below the "n".

Uel W. Lamkin
President

L:W

Kirby Page
240 South Bright Avenue
Whittier, California

May 13th, 1935

Dear Sherwood:

Thanks for your note of May 8th. I think the pamphlet that I have in mind will meet your requirements. I have not yet worked out the detailed outline, but have no doubt that I can cover the various isms quite completely.

I am to be at Hollister for the full conference. They have asked me to speak for one hour each morning on "Religion." These eight addresses will give me a grand opportunity and I am looking forward with much eagerness to this privilege.

With regard to the devotional pamphlet: we can use material out of LIVING CREATIVELY without payment if we use the same title, otherwise we shall have to pay from \$5.00 to \$20.00 for each poem that we use. My impression is that we could easily sell a pamphlet edition of LIVING CREATIVELY in a 64 page or a 96 page edition.

Did you look over the PERSONALITY OF JESUS and have you an opinion concerning a pamphlet edition of that? What is your plan about your part of the new pamphlet on WAR? When do you think you will have the manuscript ready? I shall be home for three weeks and then will spend June in four conferences.

It will be good to see you again.

Affectionately yours,

Mr. Sherwood Eddy
347 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

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Kirby Page
240 South Bright Avenue
Whittier, California

May 13th, 1935

My dear Mr. Levin:

By this time you know we have succeeded in leasing the apartment to Mr. and Mrs. Kuh beginning June 1st. This means that neither of us will sustain any loss. I am glad that you could be released from your contract without loss to either of us.

- Will you drop me a line about payments of rent, giving me details as to when recent payments have been made. I seem to have difficulty getting data from the City Housing. If further checks are due, please send them to me at this address rather than to deposit them with the City Housing.

I hope that Mrs. Levin will soon recover her full strength.

Cordially yours,

Mr. S. O. Levin
3947 48th Street
Long Island City, New York

KP:MK

Kirby Page
240 South Bright Avenue
Whittier, California

May 13th, 1935

Dear Jess:

We are in much confusion about the Sunnyside place. I did not realize that the Ludwig's wanted the six rooms and therefore agreed to let Mr. Kuh have a two year lease, then I wired Mrs. Ludwig that if the arrangements had not been completed they could have the downstairs. To date I have not heard from her which leads me to think it was too late and therefore the Kuh family will take the place.

Don't you bother with the matter. We will try to keep Sunnyside out of 347!

Thanks.

Miss Jessica Moreland
347 Madison Avenue
New York City

Kirby Page
240 South Bright Avenue
Whittier, California

May 13, 1935

Dear Tucker:

Your important letter is at hand and I have read it with much interest and deep concern. It is a shock to hear that you have overworked to such a serious degree. By all means rest as long as possible. You and the lady are much too useful to be laid on the shelf at this early age.

I am writing to several friends and hope that funds will be forthcoming. I am asking Miss Moreland to send Devere Allen a small personal check.

Do keep me closely in touch with your movements.

This has been a strenuous year for me--I have travelled 30,000 miles within the United States and have never spoken more freely. During the summer I shall be at home, resting, playing and writing. In September I shall begin another series of jumps across the Nation.

Alma joins in sending best wishes to both of you.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Tucker P. Smith
Brookwood
Katonah, New York

KP:mk

Kirby Page
240 South Bright Avenue
Whittier, California

May 13th, 1935

My dear Luther Tucker:

This note is in behalf of Tucker P. Smith, Director of Brookwood Labor College. Undoubtedly you know him and are familiar with the extraordinary significant work he has been doing in the field of progressive labor education. But he and his wife have had a tragic breakdown in health and it is imperative that they go away for a long convalescence. A group of friends have advised them to go to Mexico and an attempt is being made to raise the fund of \$2700 to provide for all of their expenses during the next six or eight months.

Tucker has had an attack of paralysis from the waist down and his condition is very serious. His wife has become utterly exhausted after several years of overwork and financial strain.

Can you not by a strenuous effort send a hundred dollars toward this fund to Devere Allen, Wilton Conn., since he is acting as treasurer of the fund?

Cordially yours,

Mr. Luther Tucker

Kirby Page
240 South Bright Avenue
Whittier, California

May 13th, 1935

Dear Charles:

Your important letter of May 5th has been forwarded to me here. I am glad indeed that you are planning to enter Union this fall. Let me congratulate you upon your approaching marriage.

Unfortunately I am not close enough in touch with the situation in New York to know of an opening for you in some Church. You have doubtless written to Prof. Reinhold Niebhar, although he is not as likely to have this information as Profs. Swift and Van Dusen.

I only wish I could be more help because I think you are headed in the right direction.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Charles Hart
31 Sixteenth Avenue
Columbus, Ohio

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Mr. Kirby Page,
 347 Madison Ave.,
 New York City,

Dear Mr. Page:

We will appreciate copy for the June issue of the Messenger not later than Friday, May 17. You will be pleased to know that we continue to receive much favorable comment upon your articles.

Check for May contribution is enclosed.

Sincerely,

H. V. Garrett



May 13, 1935.

Dear Mr. Page:

Thanks for them kind words! The 500 copies of "Property" are going to you today by express.

I wonder if you got my letter of some time ago about Professor Lyon, asking you to indicate on the catalogue which was sent in one of your express packages just who to send it to. Jess and I didn't feel equal to selecting the people. Also asking whether we could multigraph the letter and type in the individual names. I think if we are going to do anything about this we had better hurry as the school year will soon end. I really hate to think of letting him get away with it, so I do wish you could dig up the catalogue, check the names, O.K. the draft of the letter I sent to you, and let us rush it out.

About the International Institute meetings (of the Quakers) Ray Wilson came in some time ago and left orders to be sent to all of them. I enclose a copy for your benefit and for any suggestions you may have. I wrote him that "National Defense" was nearly out of print, and suggesting that he try to substitute "The Fight for Peace" but so far have had no reply. Books are going to Seabeck through the Association Press. I am checking with them about the other conferences.

Many, many thanks for your schedule!

Sincerely,

Mary

SHERWOOD EDDY
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

May 13, 1935.

Dear Kirby:

I have consulted Charlie Laue about the present situation on the houses in Sunnyside and would like to write you about the matter. We are in the midst now of a very hot fight. Members of the community are picketing the office of the City Housing Corporation, two by two all day long, so that no payments are being made in person at the office. We have an excellent chance of winning the whole fight. You would be perfectly safe in writing to City Housing to say that you must withhold payment or that the amount of the payment will be deposited in the bank pending the court's decision on the cases now before it. You certainly ought to be with us in this strike. The vast majority in the community have the green tree sign in the windows which indicates that they are members of the protesting body.

Charlie Laue writes as follows: "It would be helpful to the fight the home owners are making if payments that you want to make to the City Housing Corporation be withheld at least until the thirty-two foreclosure actions are withdrawn against the leaders of the movement.

"For more than two years the home owners have attempted to bargain collectively with the corporation, but without success. The 'strike' began only as a last resort when Mr. Bing confessed that he could not reach the first mortgage holders. Every cent that is now paid into the City Housing Corporation is used to press the foreclosure action. Over 315 home owners have joined in the fight by withholding their payments. About 450 have joined the 'union' authorizing the committee to act for them. A settlement will be put before the group which will vote on the terms to be presented. 'Pickets' are on duty from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. every day in front of the City Housing Corporation office".

Ever affectionately yours,

Sherwood
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Mr. Kirby Page,
240 South Bright Avenue,
Whittier, Calif.

SE/L

Monday

Dear Kirby — It was so good to see you and Mrs. Page. I want to know her better in the months ahead — and the children too.

To see you again and to talk with you is to receive a spiritual gift — such as old Saint Paul speaks of. I sometimes think that if it were not for weak faith, ineffective prayer, imperfect commitment and wrong thinking, I could be made whole — and remain that way to do God's work in the world. I have a long way to go in living the life of the spirit and in apprehending its values. These days are not lost. I am learning patience, laughter, faith and new beauty. There is growth to be made. And I am learning the meaning of "the Everlasting Arms". My love and confidence and prayers follow you in your work. Devotedly — Paul

SHERWOOD EDDY

347 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK CITY

May 14, 1935.

Dear Kirby:

I should like to have your definite answer as early as possible on one or two points. I question whether the new pamphlet you are preparing will cover the ground that I have in mind. You will probably lay your chief emphasis on the question of violence as against a non-violent revolution. Out of our last few volumes I could quickly draw the material for a pamphlet that would cover the four principal systems - Capitalism, Fascism, Communism and Socialism - showing the good and bad points of each. I would draw rather heavily on your book, INDIVIDUALISM AND SOCIALISM, and on my PILGRIMAGE OF IDEAS, making the authorship of the pamphlet the two of us. I think such a pamphlet would be most useful.

Will you let me know specifically whether you intend to cover clearly and at any length these four systems in your new economic pamphlet?

I had it in mind to write my section of a fresh pamphlet setting forth my pacifist position something similar to our former pamphlet - Abolition of War. Have you any suggestions in regard to this?

I have in mind to prepare a pamphlet on some such title as "What Religion Means to Me?" drawing from our former pamphlet on that subject which is now out of print. From my chapter on religion from A PILGRIMAGE OF IDEAS I would then add a brief outline for studies for about three months on the life of Christ. I have not found just what I want elsewhere along this devotional line. LIVING CREATIVELY is far too voluminous and scattered and the outline in your PERSONALITY OF JESUS I fear is too brief. I shall look it over again, however.

Shall I see you when I am at Hollister on June 10? I shall probably be at Estes Park June 7-8 and shall be at the Ohio Conference at Bellefontaine June 11-12. I shall also be at Lake Geneva June 13-14 and at Camp Becket June 16-17, sailing for Europe on June 26.

Please let me have your reaction as regards the pamphlets as soon as possible.

Ever yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sherwood", with a small mark below it.

May 14th, 1935

My dear Miss Gilman:

Your letter of May 7th has been forwarded to me here. Let me thank you for the good news, that the Christian Social Justice Fund has agreed to contribute \$400.00 toward my work during the coming year. The check for \$100.00 was received with thanks.

You will be interested to know that I have travelled more widely and spoken more freely this past year than ever before. I think I have travelled about 30,000 miles and have spoken incessantly from Maine to Washington to Texas. Never have I had such an encouraging response as during the recent weeks.

My monthly articles in the Christian Century are reaching 30,000 subscribers, 20,000 of whom are clergymen, and I have many bits of evidence that they are being widely used. My pamphlet on PROPERTY is meeting with favorable reception.

During the next three months I expect to publish a pamphlet on the Class Struggle and another on the War problem.

Will you please thank the Trustees for their generous cooperation.

Cordially yours,

Miss Elizabeth Gilman
Christian Social Justice Fund, Inc.
513 Park Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland

KP:mk

Chesterfield Church of Christ

Des Moines, Iowa

May 14, 1935.

Mr. Kirby Page
Whittier, Calif.

Dear Mr. Page:

A recommendation from Dr. Morehouse, which I planned to give to you personally at the Grinnell Institute of International Relations, was accidentally mailed to you by Dr. Morehouse's secretary.

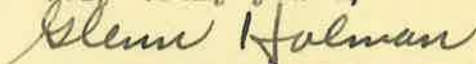
I am greatly interested in your work, and would appreciate an opportunity to serve you in any capacity during several weeks of the coming summer. I am graduating from Drake this June, and plan to enter a theological seminary next fall.

I have had training in typing and was office boy for the Puget Sound Power and Light Co. of Tacoma, Wash. before starting to College. I feel that I could do secretarial work acceptably.

While earning my way through college I have had experience in other lines of work also. These include: Business Manager of the Drake Quax and the Drake Delphic, Student Solicitor for the University for the past three summers, District Manager for the Crowell Publishing Co., salesman for the Flynn Dairy Co., and pastor of the Chesterfield and Bagley Christian Churches. I do not know whether any of these experiences would enable me to be of service to you or not. If they would not, I would be glad to endeavor to do any other kind of work that would be helpful to you.

While I am entirely dependent upon my own efforts in furthering my education, I feel that I would be more amply repaid by my association with you than any work for financial remuneration I could do during the summer. I sincerely hope that you will be able to accept my services.

Very truly yours,



Glenn Holman

College of the Bible
Drake University.

First Congregational Church

241 CEDAR AVENUE

REV. HENRY KENDALL BOOTH, D. D., PASTOR

LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

May 14, 1935.

Mr. Kirby Page,
240 South Bright Avenue,
Whittier, California.

My Dear Mr. Page:-

I am writing you to express my regrets that I cannot meet with you today. I had hoped to get away from the Conference in time to meet with you for a short time, but unfortunately I have a funeral in Long Beach and shall be forced to leave without seeing you. I also had hoped to see you last Saturday, but I also had a funeral which made it necessary for me to leave before you had finished.

The reason that I wanted to see you personally was to find out whether or not you could preach for me during my vacation on any of the Sundays of July. We have only one service during the vacation period, the morning service, and the honorarium is \$25.00. If you could find it possible to do this I should appreciate it very much and I know the members would be happy.

Hoping that your engagements permit your acceptance of the invitation, I am

Yours sincerely,

Henry K. Booth
"S"

HKB:MFG

May 15, 1935

My dear Mrs. Forbes:

Your important letter of April 30th has just reached me. I cannot thank you enough for your continued cooperation. It is good to know that you are sending a check for \$100 in July and another \$100 during the year.

You will be interested to know that I have travelled more widely and spoken more freely this past year than ever before. I think I have travelled about 30,000 miles and have spoken incessantly from Maine to Washington to Texas. Never have I had such an encouraging response as during the recent months.

We are well settled down now, the youngsters will soon be finished with their Freshmen year at College and we are delighted with this Quaker community. President Mendenhall of Whittier College is one of the outstanding Christian educators of the nation and we are very fond of him and his wife.

I am spending most of May at home and during June will participate in four conferences, at the Student Conference at Hollister, Missouri, where 300 students will be gathered from the Southwestern states. I am to give an hour's address each morning on "Appropriating the Reasons of Religion." These eight addresses will give me a splendid opportunity to cover a lot of territory and I am very expectant. Then I go to the Friends Institution of International Relations at Grinnell, Iowa; from there I go for a week to the Student Conference at Seabeck, Washington, where men and women will be gathered from the colleges of the Pacific and Northwest. Next, I am to participate in the Friends Institute of International Relations at Mills College. July, August and September are to be spend at home, playing and writing. I expect to publish a pamphlet on the Pacifism in the Class Struggle and another one on the International War Problem.

I shall not be returning to the East until October, but I do hope to have a good visit with you then.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Rose D. Forbes

KP:mk

May 15

Dear Jim:

The first discussion of our little fellowship group was devoted to Stanley Jones' "Christ's Alternative to Communism." We are sorry indeed that you and Mrs. Baker could not be present. The group was unanimous in saying that a 10-cent pamphlet edition should be brought out for wide circulation. About two-fifths of the entire book can be put into a 96-page pamphlet with about 440 words to the page. The cost of printing 100,000 copies of such a pamphlet would not exceed four cents per copy. Thus it would be possible to sell copies for ten cents each. The following sections could be incorporated in a 96-page pamphlet:

Preface
Introduction
Good News to the Economically
Disinherited (both chapters)
A New Beginning
The Next Steps

These sections present an extraordinarily significant message and if printed in a cheap edition would sell like hotcakes. They would be utilized not alone by Methodists but by clergymen of all communions.

Can you not take the lead in approaching the Book Concern about this 10-cent edition?

Cordially yours,

Bishop James A. Baker

May 15, 1935

My dear Mrs. Cameron:

Let me thank you most heartily for your note and the enclosed check which I value highly. It is good to know that you and Richard are still interested in my work.

You will be interested to know that I have travelled more widely and spoken more freely this past year than ever before. I think I have travelled about 30,000 miles and have spoken incessantly from Main to Washington to Texas. Never have I had such an encouraging response as during the recent weeks.

Several times during the year I have been privileged to visit Laura and Harold and only a few days ago I had a letter from Harold. I have been following with intense solicitude developments at that end.

We are now making Southern California our home in order that our son and daughter may be enrolled in Whittier College, a splendid Quaker institution. For four years our son was compelled to be in Arizona and it seemed advisable to keep him in the West, so we decided to get together here. I shall be home most of the summer playing and writing.

My monthly articles in the Christian Century are reaching 30,000 subscribers, 20,000 of whom are clergymen, and I have many bits of evidence that they are being widely used. My pamphlet on PROPERTY is meeting with a most favorable response. During the next three months I expect to publish a pamphlet on the Class Struggle and another on the War problem.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Richard M. Cameron
Barrett's Mill Road
Concord, Mass.

KP:mk

240 West 15 Street
New York City
May 15, 1935

Kirby Page
240 South Bright Ave.
Whittier, California.

Dear Comrade Page,

I was very glad to receive your letter the other day about possible admission ~~into~~ to some California college. Since I wrote to you I have carefully attempted to determine exactly what my financial status would be while at college; and I find that I will be able to pay a good part of my way, relying on scholarship or FERA work.

This being the case, the major consideration in any application for admission that I may make will be my scholastic achievement. Here are the facts, briefly:

My high school record indicates that I was the third student in a graduating class of 500 in respect to my examination records, which won me a New York State Scholarship. A year in college shows a comparatively poor record, due to the fact that there was considerable economic stress placed upon me, as well as the burden of the anti-fascist affair. I therefor would like to be admitted on the basis of my high school record, discounting my college record, and losing my year of college work.

I feel that if I should come to California my experience in the field of youth organization would make me a valuable addition to the Socialist youth there, which I understand is in a very weak position at present.

Won't you try to get a general outline of the probabilities of admission for me, so that I may as soon as possible make application?. If you can give me a list of socialist or LID professors in the California colleges, it would be very helpful.

Hoping that the time may soon come when I will be in California working with you for Socialism, I am,

Fraternally yours,

Monte Mulgrew

May 15, 1935

My dear Mr. Hunt:

In reply to your letter of May 7th, you are at liberty to make use of the quotation.

I am looking forward eagerly to the strategic conference at Memphis. You can get a list of my various books from the latest issue of Who's Who. My latest publication is LIVING TRIUMPHANTLY. In addition I have published 15 or 20 pamphlets.

I enclose herein a publicity folder which may be of some value to you.

Cordially yours,

Encl.

Mr. R. L. Hunt
Methodist Episcopal Church, South
810 Broadway
Nashville, Tennessee

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President-Secretary,
Zai Nihon Presbyterian
Senkyoshi Shadan

May 15th

Dear Kirby :-

"Living Triumphantly" has come and I have asked my brother Ken to send your office a cheque. If it does not show up, please let me know. I have not begun on it yet, but it looks fascinating and stimulating and we plan to use it mornings at our family worship - one of those "old Spanish customs", which I presume Americans do not follow.

Glad to hear about the present setting of your life. It must be splendid to know that your son is now OK. Our daughter is about to go home (Smith College) and our other child, a boy of 12, is continuing in the American School.

We have not been home for almost six years and I feel out of touch with American thot. One thing brought home to me very forcibly that I did not know what was happening in the USA. It was your remarks about Ward and Matthews in the "Christian Century". Previously I had thot that you three were more or less of a kind, but I see that there is a growing split in the liberal forces.

Things go along fairly smoothly now. I have some sixteen weekly groups of students that are organized into an Open Door Youth Council. These groups, with the peace work that I do and the speaking keep me more than busy.

I enclose a very cautious statement which some of us got out some time ago. The only stir it has or will cause, I am sure, is in the American Embassy here. The Ambassador was very much put out by it.

A choice member of our Mission has just joined up with Sherwood for a year. I have been his advisor in the Mission. In spite of that, he is a choice soul and I hope that you will see him before he goes to Russia.

Most Cordially,

PS - What about another trip to Japan?



SHERWOOD EDDY

347 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK CITY

May 15, 1935.

Dear Kirby:

As soon as Henry Crane mentioned to me your plan for a trip for the four of us around the world next year, I wrote a private, confidential letter to Barnett, asking him what the prospects were in China and whether we could render any real service to China at this time. I enclose his reply. I am not showing this to Reinie. He is pessimistic enough without such a letter. When I last saw him he said that if war was now certain in Europe and European culture was going to sink, he ought not to think of the luxury, selfishly, of even studying conditions in Asia. This is part of his habitual or recurring pessimism, I think, which you and I do not agree with.

In the light of Barnett's letter, however, since I am already persona non grata with Japan and now with Chiang Kai-shek, it will probably be wiser for me not to go to the Far East at all during 1936. I have half a dozen urgent invitations to visit India, including the suggestion of Stanley Jones, that I go to India while he goes to China, which apparently he is preparing to do for nine months. That would take him to China while we were there. If we were to have anything of a trip at all together, in the light of Barnett's letter, it would probably be better if we spent September, October, November, and possibly December in covering the Balkans, Turkey, Palestine, Egypt, and India, in that order, I remaining for further work in India while you three went on to China and Japan. If you visited the Far East first, I would only have a few weeks with you in one or two cities in India.

Please note carefully what Barnett says about the contribution you could make on social problems and social religion, and the fact that China is not open to a fair consideration of the absolute pacifist message, except with very small, inner groups, and that even there it would meet with strong opposition from some. Pacifism seems to many in China the word of hypocritical Western imperialism, that China should remain passive while Japan takes over all she wants.

I should be glad to have your reaction to Barnett's letter. Please return it to me. I look forward to seeing you in Hollister.

Ever yours,

Sherwood

Mr. Kirby Page,
240 South Bright Avenue,
Whittier, Calif.

SE/L
Encl.

May 15th, 1935

Dear Friend Eleazer:

Your important letter of April 30th has been forwarded to me here. The quotation you give from the American Legion is so utterly unfounded and preposterous that it is difficult to treat it seriously. To say that my "principal endeavor is to solicit for the Garland Fund" is an outrageous falsehood.

I have never received a cent from the Garland Fund, and have never solicited funds for it. Prior to 1926 when I became Editor of the World Tomorrow the Garland Fund contributed to the World Tomorrow, but during my tenure of office we never received a cent from this fund.

At various times I have been accused of soliciting money for the Garland Fund to be used for Chinese communists. This is an outright untruth. I think I did sign my name to an appeal about ten years ago for some project sponsored by Chinese workers and certainly not for communists and certainly not for the Garland Fund.

Several of my friends have urged me to bring suit against the American Legion for slander. What do you think about the matter? Thus far my judgment has been in the negative, but this sort of charge is getting to be a weekly occurrence. I run into it somewhere with regularity.

Cordially yours,

Mr. R. B. Eleazer
Commission on Interracial Cooperation
703 Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

KP:mk

May 15

Dear Sherwood:

Stanley Jones' new book, Christ's Alternative to Communism is a significant volume, coming as it does from the best loved American missionary. The conclusion of the book and the proposed remedies are weak and inadequate, but the book is a thousand miles ahead of the average minister and layman. It seems to me imperative that the heart of this book be put in a 96-page pamphlet to be sold for 10 cents. If you agree, will you not cable Stanley asking permission to bring out a ten-cent edition. I suppose it will be necessary to have the Methodist Book Concern issue the cheap edition if it is done. Methodist ministers all across the nation would buy copies by the dozen and by the hundred for wide use in classes, forums, young peoples' meetings, etc. 100,000 copies could be sold like hot cakes. Will you urge this upon Bishop McConnell, Ralph Sockman, Bromley Oxnam, Henry Crane and other outstanding Methodists?

This seems to me to be extraordinary important.

AS EVER

May 16th, 1935

Dear Paul:

It was thrilling to see you the other day and I was delighted to get your card. Your fortitude and buoyancy are a great inspiration to me. It does me good just to be around you. I have no doubt that you are learning lessons these days that will transform all the rest of your life.

On Thursday we had the first session of a little informal group that we have just started. Included in its membership are Allan Hunter, Pres. Mendenhall, Frank Fagerburg, First Baptist Church, Frank B. Toothaker, Methodist minister in Los Angeles, Clarence Case of U.S.C. Other persons who have accepted membership but were unable to be present: Bishop Baker, Jerry Voorhis. We have added another six or eight names to the list. We plan to get together six or seven times a year for five hour session of discussion and worship together.

When you get a little stronger we want very much to have you join the group. If Louise is to be in this vicinity we want to include her also as soon as possible.

We think of you often and glory in your spirit.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Paul Pfeutze
Olive View Sanitarium
Olive View, California

KP:mk

May 16th, 1935

My dear Friends:

It is about time that I brought you up to date concerning my movements. Since I saw you last I have been travelling very extensively, covering about 30,000 miles, from Maine to Oregon to Texas. I think I have never spoken more often and have never had a more encouraging response than I have been receiving lately.

I have been writing an article a month for the Christian Century which goes to some 30,000 subscribers, 20,000 of whom are clergymen. I am now working on a pamphlet interpreting the pacifist position in opposition to violence in the class war and another pamphlet on international peace.

I shall be away from home during the month of June, attending four conferences. July, August and September I plan to spend at home, playing and writing. Our son and daughter are getting along splendidly at Whittier College and we have grown very fond of President Mendenhall and his wife.

When we last talked together you said you thought it would be convenient to send another check about the first of June. You will recall that you generously gave me a check for \$750 and promised to send another \$500 about the middle of the year. If it is convenient payment now would help us very much more than later in the year. I ought to say to you again that your gift is absolutely indispensable, without it I would not be able to continue the various types of work I am engaged in. In a very genuine sense you are carrying a heavy part of my load and I am most grateful.

Cordially yours,

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Price
c/o The Hoover Company
North Canton, Ohio

KP:mk

May 16th, 1935

Dear Aunt Sarah:

It has been a long time since I have had a line from you. I only hope that you have been keeping reasonably well. How I would like to have a long visit with you and be able to tell you about the many interesting experiences I have been having. During the year I have travelled about 30,000 miles, speaking incessantly, from Maine to Oregon to Texas. I think I have never spoken more often and have never had a more encouraging response than I have been receiving.

I have been writing an article a month for the Christian Century which goes to 30,000 subscribers, 20,000 of whom are clergymen. I sent you a copy of my recent pamphlet on PROPERTY which I hope you received. I am now working on a pamphlet interpreting the pacifist position in opposition to violence in the class war. Am also doing another pamphlet on international peace.

My schedule for the next twelve months is already filling up rapidly. I am dividing my time by geographical regions. My plan is to spend ten days or two weeks at home, then go away for a month, then come home for another ten days and then off again for another month. In this way I shall cover colleges and conferences in all parts of America and still have a good deal of time at home. During July, August and September I am to be with my family here in this beautiful place. Our son and daughter are getting along splendidly at Whittier College. We are very fond of President and Mrs. Mendonhall and like this Quaker community very much.

Are you able to continue your regular gift for my work? For many years now I have counted upon you as one of the few people who make it possible for me to continue the kind of work I am doing. I earnestly hope that you can cooperate as usual.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Sarah J. Swift
124 Russell St.
Worcester, Mass.

COPY FOR: Kirby Page

May 16, 1935.

Mr. John Farrar,
Farrar and Rinehart,
232 Madison Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear John:

I am preparing a new pamphlet on the subject of religion. Can you tell me whether it will be all right for me to quote from Kirby Page's "Living Triumphantly", page 124, most of the material quoted from Alfred Noyes' "The Unknown God", and from the same volume, page 189, the latter half of the quotation from the "Epistle to Diognetus" quoted by Case; also I would like to quote the "Confession of Faith" of Tolstoi from Kirby Page's "Living Creatively", pages 214, 215.

Would I need to get the express permission of the publishers concerned, or could I safely quote these in the pamphlet I am preparing on Vital Religion, A Personal Experience?

Ever yours,

(signed) SHERWOOD EDDY

SE/L

May 16, 1935.

Dear Kirby:

Enclosed is bill of lading and paid freight bill on the books, etc. shipped to you at Los Angeles via Panama Pacific Line, S.S. PENNSYLVANIA. There were 7 cases containing books from the cases, packed as taken from bookcases beginning at left of doorway to the office and proceeding around the room. The eighth case contains the four bases of the bookcases, miscellaneous books found on top of your desk and files, cards from the geographical file, etc. All the miscellaneous stuff. There were 11 crates of bookcases, marked glass, and your files of correspondence etc.

There were two wood files in your office, one of them belonging to the "Y" according to our records and the number tacked to it. The old steel transfer case had been junked, if you remember, when we got in the two files from the W.T. last Fall. But Mr. Eddy or Eddy & Page paid good sound cash for those two steel files, two typewriter desk chairs and that revolving bookcase, and they became part of our office equipment. I checked with Sophie on this point. However, because it would have been one heck of a job to take ~~back~~ all your correspondence and what not out of the file it was in and would decidedly upset things, we shipped you one of those W.T. steel files. The stuff which was in the wood case belonging to the "Y" in your office we transferred to the steel transfer case which was yours.

The 5 drawer index card file on top of your desk is the property of the "Y", so your cards were sent you in pasteboard boxes. You will have to secure other files I fear. All the card files here seem to bear the "Y" tag.

A further package will be sent you of miscellaneous things which belong to you and the stuff in your desk, for which we had no disposition orders.

Just received your O.K.'s on the shipments of books purchased from Ass'n Press. You state that one book FREEDOM OF THE SPIRIT has not been received. Mary says that, acting under your instructions, she sent you certain books and magazines to be read enroute, marking the package for you when included with consignments. It may be that this book was stolen along the line for she remembers distinctly that it was one of those which was sent you in this way, although it is too far back to remember just which point she sent it to. Check again, won't you, and see whether you haven't skipped it?

Sincerely,



Fellowship replies follow.

May 17, 1935.

My dear Luther Tucker:

This note is in behalf of Tucker P. Smith, Director of Brookwood Labor College. Undoubtedly you know him and are familiar with the extraordinarily significant work he has been doing in the field of progressive labor education. But he and his wife have had a tragic breakdown in health and it is imperative that they go away for a long convalescence. A group of friends have advised them to go to Mexico and an attempt is being made to raise a fund of \$2,700 to provide for all of their expenses during the next six or eight months.

Tucker has had an attack of paralysis from the waist down and his condition is very serious. His wife has become utterly exhausted after several years of overwork and financial strain.

Can you not by a strenuous effort send a hundred dollars toward this fund to Devere Allen, Wilton, Conn., since he is acting as treasurer of the fund?

Cordially yours,

Mr. Luther Tucker,
Episcopal Theological Seminary,
Cambridge, Mass.

KP/L

May 17, 1935.

Mr. Devere Allen,
Wilton, Conn.

My dear Mr. Allen:

Mr. Page has asked me to send you this
check for twenty-five dollars as his contribution
toward the Tucker P. Smith Fund.

Cordially yours,

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Encl.

May 20th, 1935

My dear Mr. Kuh:

By this time you have doubtless received the signed lease which I returned to Mrs. Pierson. Hereafter will you please send your monthly rent payments to me at this address.

I hope that the decorator has done a satisfactory job.

Cordially yours,

Jesse S. Kuh, City Manager
Commercial Casualty Insurance Co.
128 William Street
New York, New York

KP:mk

May 20th, 1936

Dear Sherwood:

Your important letter of May 15 about the trip to the Far East is at hand. I am keenly interested in what Gene has written. It seems to me that your judgment about not going to China yourself is sound. I am extremely doubtful about the wisdom of an extensive speaking tour for any of us. What seems to me to be much more profitable is a study tour with a minimum of speaking before certain strategic groups. It would seem to me desirable to have a series of unhurried conferences in various cities where we could "pick the brains" of a score of strategic leaders and share with them some of our own convictions.

I like your idea of going first to the Balkans, then on to Turkey, Palestine, Egypt and India. Reinie might want to come back direct from India, although this is an open question. It would be far more convenient for Alma and I to go to China and Japan last and then land here on the Pacific coast.

World conditions are so unstable that we cannot plan with finality, but it does seem to me desirable to proceed on the tentative assumption that we will sail for Europe at the end of June, 1936, and then go on to the far East.

Perhaps you had better drop a line to Henry Crane so he can make his plans accordingly.

I have already written to you about the pamphlet covering the various issues. I agree with you that a comprehensive treatment of the various alternatives should be presented. It is good to know that you are working on the pamphlet on "Vital Religion". I think we can sell a large number of these; next season I am going to work out a much more systematic selling campaign of books and pamphlets. I am now convinced that I should be much more vigorous in pushing literature than I have been in the past. What would you think of having some small placards printed and have two or three copies enclosed with each shipment of books. These cards could then be prominently displayed at various entrances to the place of meeting. The cost would be quite negligible and I think this procedure would increase sales. I am enclosing a rough sample.

As ever,

May 20, 1936

Dear Mary:

Thanks for your various letters. The 500 copies of "Property" arrived safely. Since I expect to give away a good many of these you had better charge me for the full 500 at cost plus transportation.

It just dawned on me that you may not have a copy of the proposed letter to the people at the University of Maine. I am therefore returning you a copy.

Please make sure that Helman holds the type of "Property" until we have another supply printed. Please check with Jess and Sherwood. I am confident that I can myself sell another 5000 copies. You had better follow Sherwood's judgment as to how many additional copies to print. How are they selling to date?

Please ask Jess to deposit in our Sunnyside account a check for \$46.33, covering 5000 sheets of stationery and 5000 envelopes as per the copy upon which this letter is written. By the way, how does this price compare with the New York price?

Please order the books checked on the enclosed slips. Please have the following subscriptions changed to the above address: Time, Business Week, Literary Digest and New Republic. I am not renewing my subscription to Today. I want a copy of the Christian Century to continue coming to New York, another copy is reaching me here.

Thanks.

Miss Mary Lyon
347 Madison
New York, New York

May 20th, 1936

Dear Gene:

It was good to get your letter of April 19th. Sherwood has just written me about the proposed trip. I think he is wise in deciding not to come to China himself in 1936.

My own idea from the beginning has been that those of us who come should come as learners rather than as public speakers. I would much prefer to do an absolute minimum of speaking myself and spending a maximum of time in conferences and interviews, seeking a fuller understanding of what is now happening in China. This kind of tour of course would require little preliminary preparation and practically no expense.

World conditions are much too uncertain to plan with finality but I do hope it will be possible for some of us to come for at least a brief tour in 1936 or early in 1937.

By all means keep me in touch with developments at your end.

In order to make it possible for our son to be at home during his stay in college we have moved our home here to southern California. His health makes it necessary for him to stay in the West, therefore, both our son and daughter are enrolled at Whittier College and we are making our home here. I shall continue to spend much time speaking in all parts of the country.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially yours,

Mr. Eugene E. Barnett
The National Committee
Y. M. C. A. of China
131 Museum Road
Shanghai, China

KP:mk

May 20th, 1935

My dear Comrade Milgram:

Your important letter of May 15th is at hand. I am asking the following California Colleges to send you catalogs together with information about qualifications and possible scholarships: University of Southern California, University of California at Los Angeles, Redlands University, Pomona College and Occidental College. I do hope you succeed in finding an opening.

Unfortunately I do not have a list of LID professors in California colleges, but you surely could obtain this information from the New York office.

I should like very much indeed to see you spend several years here in California.

Fraternally yours,

Mr. Morris Milgram:
240 West 15th Street
New York, New York

KP:mk

SIDNEY D. GAMBLE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

May 20, 1935

Dear Kirby:

You sound as though you'd had a busy time in the middle west and on the west coast. You surely do keep the talking going very steadily and consistently. I am glad there's a good group that are anxious to listen. It helps fill the rice bowl as well as giving a big thrill to life!

I should think you would want to say "Aw shucks" as your response to the recent letter from Detroit. I don't know of any further suggestion that I can make on the problem unless perhaps a check up by a doctor who is very wise in the endocrine field. That might show that certain glandular elements are lacking. In some cases when such a lack is remedied by giving glandular extract it influences the emotional as well as the physical situation. Whatever is done it's a very difficult problem that they have to work out. It doesn't look hopeful for the most desirable, namely, reconciliation and reconstruction.

I am interested to hear that the house is coming along so well and that you expect to move in early in June. It sounds as though you'd be away for the busy and hectic moving days. I do hope you find that the building has been a good move and that you will all find life on a hilltop very satisfactory. I certainly would like to have a good movie of you digging up the ground for your garden. I trust the vegetables will grow in spite of summer heat.

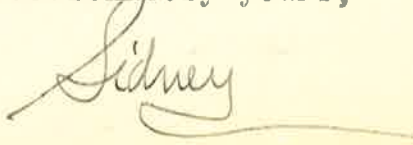
Our family is moving to Martha's Vineyard this summer leaving four weeks from today. I will commute weekends part of the summer but will have a good long time to bask in the sun on the beach. We are hoping to have quite a number of our friends come for visits. Not very much of that sort of fun is possible in Michigan so we will make the most of this opportunity.

Sherwood is around occasionally but is considerably crippled by a very lame back. I trust it is nothing serious. He reports a grand group for the summer seminar. I have been looking up some information about the new colored movie film that is just out. It looks as though it is going to add much to the pictures. At present the difficulty seems to be with making duplicates. That will probably be possible in the near future.

Affectionately yours,

SDG:RP

Mr. Kirby Page,
240 South Bright Avenue,
Whittier, California.



Copy for: Kirby Page

Similar letters sent to:

Ralph Sockman,
Bromley Oxnam,
Henry Crane

May 21, 1935.

Bishop Francis J. McConnell,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Bishop McConnell:

Kirby Page and I have read Stanley Jones' new book, "Christ's Alternative to Communism", and we believe it to be a very significant volume. The conclusion of the book and its proposed remedies at the end seem to us inadequate, but it is far in advance of the average minister and layman and should do great good.

I believe that if the heart of this book were put into a ninety-six page pamphlet and sold for ten cents, we could make it available to thousands of students, ministers and laymen for wide use in classes, forums, young people's meetings, etc. Kirby Page and I could sell thousands of these. I am sure that if we cabled to Stanley Jones he would warmly second our request that it be made available in cheap form at cost for the above classes of people. I suppose this would be an acid test as to whether the book is published primarily for use or for profit. Certainly its use could be extended and multiplied if it is made available in pamphlet form.

Page and I have found that when we get out a dollar edition of one of our books and a ten-cent pamphlet edition as well, the original complete edition of the book still sells in sufficient quantity to satisfy our publishers, Farrar and Rinehart. If we should all write letters to the publishers and ask for a cable reply from Stanley Jones, do you think that the Methodist Book Concern would be willing to issue such a cheap edition or allow us to do so? If you approve of this, what procedure would you suggest?

I shall await your reply before cabling to Stanley Jones.

Very sincerely yours,

SE/L

Box 233, Due West, S.C., May 22, 1935

Dear Mr. Page:

The first three chapters of "Property" are impressive, but the fourth is not. How in the face of the pusillanimity and futility of the British Labor Party and the German Social Democratic Party any one can have an atom of confidence in the possibility of achieving Socialism by the constitutional processes devised by Property interests for their own purposes is beyond me. There is no reason to think, moreover, that the human race will for a long time to come arrive at enough rationality to choose and adopt in sweet reasonableness a new social order. New social orders arrive, and are rationalized and accepted afterwards. The Socialist Party is weaker relatively now than it was thirty years ago, and there is no reason to suppose that a conglomeration with middle-class psychology can be formed and converted into an agency of socialization. To compromise with middle-class medievalism as the "Revolutionary" German Social Democrats are doing now in their published material and as the American Socialist Party does (e.g. the Wisconsin tenderness for the farmer) betrays a senseless futility. Nothing ever gets adopted on its merits, of course; but that is no reason for trying to fool a miscellaneous mass of people into voting for something that runs contrary to all their most deep-seated traditions. Even public ownership deliberately agreed on by an overwhelming majority would not even be in the direction of socialism unless the power were unmistakably in the hands of Labor; hence to try to put socialism in by the aid of middle-class votes actuated by hostility to Big Business is nonsense. The Progressives of Wisconsin have been facing backward and marking time ever since I began to go to the University of Wisconsin twenty-five years ago. There is not the remotest kinship between them and Socialism.

If one can be sure of anything it is that Capitalism will prevail in the United States until it breaks down hopelessly either in a greater depression or in a World War. After that it may be possible to do something in the direction of socialization if there is a disciplined group ready to try; but probably nothing can be done unless the military forces revolt. Our Civil War ought to show you that Americans of the reactionary party would rather ruin themselves in a hopeless struggle against the inevitable than submit to the prospect of a peaceful displacement. No one can doubt that our capitalists would be far more intractable than the plantation lords were or that the middle class would plump for them any time rather than allow the despised wage-workers to come into power. In view of the absolute malignancy of the middle-class viewpoint, it is hopeless to try to evangelize them. The very training we try to give them will provide them with tools for fascism.

Why must we go again through the same weary battle over strategy and tactics that consumed us during the ten years before the War? I am impressed with the fact that the recent comers to the movement are not enough aware that they're thrashing old straw.

Sincerely,

Arthur W. Calhoun

W. Rocky Hall
S. Hadley, Mass.
May 25, 1935

My dear Mr. Page,

I have just received a copy of your pamphlet "Property" from Bill Kitchen as representative of S. C. M. and understand that it is through your kindness that the Northfield Conference delegates are getting them. I certainly do appreciate it & want to thank you for your generosity.

Your talks at the conference were a great inspiration to me and a group of us are carrying on many discussion along the same general line of thought. The pamphlet is most interesting and will be of great value.

Thank you again,

yours sincerely,

Loretta Meschter.

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Dear Kirby:

Joe Myers of Community Church, Kansas City is quitting August 1st to enter some new job. We've got the job — Midwest Secretary of the F.O.R. with headquarters in Chicago, Indianapolis or St. Louis. How can we get the money?

I have just returned from 2 weeks out there and I am convinced that that region — the bulwark of conservatism, is wide open to our message, and ready to follow a radical leadership providing it is Christian. I am working on a Mid-West committee, organized like your Pacific Coast group. Is there any possibility that you could give some time there to ~~the~~ getting enough extra money to give Joe Myers a start? I haven't even mentioned the matter to him, because I couldn't see how it can be done — but you specialize in impossibilities — what do you think? I think Joe has courage enough to tackle it if we can get

enough money together to get him
started. He would have to
raise his entire support from
that area once he got under-
way. Nevin is strong for a Mid-
West committee, and I believe
he would back a mid-west
secretary if we could get a fellow
like Joe who would take res-
ponsibility for raising money.
~~That~~ Now is a good time
to think about it, for our
finances are in better shape
than last year, by a good margin.

Harold.

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Mr. Kirby Page
240 South Bright Avenue
Whittier, Calif.

Dear Kirby:

Many thanks for your letter and your help in assisting Myra and me in our present difficulties. It is a sad story but I guess it happens often in the movement. We have tried so hard to get Brookwood on its feet that we got ourselves into this difficulty. By the end of the week I shall have my affairs here arranged so that the institution can operate for five or six months without serious loss. The board have granted me a leave of absence for that period.

The committee trying to raise a fund are making real progress. We secured one contribution of \$1000 gift conditional upon our raising \$1200 or \$1500 more. With a little effort this can be done within the next few days. We had originally planned to leave here about the first of June for a trip to some mountain area in the west where we would take it easy and combine rest with play to get back on our feet. However during the last month I have lost strenght so rapidly that I am now advised that it will be probably a month before I am able to travel at all. During that period I shall take it easy in this section hoping to get back enough strength to permit our going on what would be called a vacation instead of a hospital trip. I am optimistic about the outcome and feel sure that we will be back on our feet in time for next winter. We have had a most satisfactory experience at Brookwood and have thoroughly enjoyed the work even if there has been too much of it, at times. We have been quite humbled by the response of our friends in helping in this situation. Ray Newton, Devere, Roger, Nevin, Walter Ludwig and others have been chasing financial prospects rather effectively. It seems to be easier to secure money for this kind of emergency than for regular activities of the institutions which weserve. We will keep in touch with you on developments.

I hope you have a pleasant summer with the family. With the greatest appreciation for your help, I am, as, ever,


Tucker P. Smith
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Mr. Kirby Page,
P.O. Box 247,
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Mr. Page:

This will acknowledge your letter of May 9 as well as a letter from your secretary of May 17 ordering two books.

May I say in the beginning that I am very sure that you will find the new official textbook of The Cooperative Union which you have ordered, to be one that you will consider well worth taking the time to read in detail. I personally consider that it is perhaps the most outstanding book on Cooperation that has been issued. I have written Prof. Hall and have expressed to him my disappointment in the fact that he did not cover the subject of action as citizens politically in recovering ownership of utilities, which Mrs. Webb calls "obligatory consumers' cooperation". That, together with the fact that I would have liked to have seen a brief chapter on economic history prior to the industrial revolution are the two criticisms I would make on the book. The authors do discuss the relationships of consumers' cooperatives and producers' unions in a very thorough way.

As to the best literature which you might use for sale at your various meetings, we should be most happy indeed for you to carry with you one or two pamphlets, and to price them to you at wholesale rates.

Very little new literature had been issued since the death of Cedric Long, the former Secretary. We are now trying to catch up. I felt that there was need of a general pamphlet which would discuss the movement in quite a thorough way, and accordingly wrote one entitled "America's Answer-- Consumers' Cooperation" shortly after I came here. Later I summarized the movement in a brief way in an address in Ohio, which they desired to use as a sort of an outline for one of their FERA School programs, and which has been published under the title "A Cooperative Economic Democracy". Recently a new pamphlet has been written by Rev. Ellis J. Cowling entitled "A Short Introduction to Consumers' Cooperation".

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May 22nd, 1935.

Dear Friend:

The development of the student strike against war this year into national proportions brings a problem before Christian groups which are working with university and college students which cannot any longer be avoided. The strong Communist influence in the national student strike movement makes it impossible for increasing numbers of peace minded people to share in this demonstration. On the other hand, not only the success of the student strike but, more important, the growing threat of war makes it imperative that more effective and dramatic ways shall be developed by those who believe in the non-violent method of Christ.

I am wondering if the Fellowship of Reconciliation might not be of service in helping Christian groups to discover a form of expression for the will to peace among Christian students for next year. We will be glad to have suggestions as to ways in which this can be done, and to serve as a clearing house for such suggestions. I believe that you will agree that the time to begin our thinking is now if we are to make an effective contribution at this point to the student mind during the ensuing academic year. Please give me your opinion as to the value of a united move in this direction, and as to forms which that move may take.

Sincerely yours,

Harold E. Fey

Mr. Kirby Page
240 South Bright Avenue
Whittier, California.

This is being sent out to 25 student workers whom we have reason to feel are sympathetic. Please give your ideas.

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May
May 23.

Kirby:

Since last night when I wrote you about Joe Myers acting as our mid-west secretary, I have talked further with Nevin. We just got \$500.00 from a will which he is ready to earmark for a mid-west secretary. ~~that~~ Is that enough to prime the pump? I would guess that it would take a budget of \$4500 to start

Salary \$3000

Office rent + help 1200

Travel 300

4500.00

Joe's a good man: intelligent, courageous, a journalist, has been the center of the Kansas City F.O.R. group for years -

Harold.

Be sure to hold all those conference dates you gave us for F.O.R. groups have had to have meetings to decide - H.F.



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DEAN'S OFFICE

May 25, 1935

Mr. Kirby Page
347 Madison Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Page:

As one who agrees with you most heartily on your position on the whole question of peace and war, I can tell you candidly that I am humiliated by the position that Professor A. C. Lyon of our Department of Civil Engineering has taken toward the issue of military training. His unwillingness to retract a statement which was obviously and demonstrably untrue is beyond all reason, but I have been so baffled by the number of incredible situations that have arisen during recent months that I am no longer shocked by them. You may be sure that you have my cordial sympathy in this whole matter, and I hope you will not fail to call on me if I can be of any real help.

Sincerely yours,

James Milenburger

JM:K

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Berkeley - May 26 - 1935

My dear Mr. Kirby Page:

How could I let busyness around keep me from finding you and being at hand for some talk I wanted before you went away last Friday evening at U. C. I. G.? Certainly you were there long enough - held by that huddle of eager girls & questions. There was a plain conflict for me - that evening - because of the urgency of certain things we faced later in the conference the next day & the preparation it required that night with committees. I wanted to write - hoping I might reach you by telephone the day I was in Winston last week - but called at a time when the family were all away & could leave no message.

It seemed so kind & wonderful to have you there in that little informal group - pouring out your best thoughts and being available to so few. Of course any group that holds some honest thinkers deserves the best. Did you see how a few persons moved along in their thinking during the course

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600 Lexington Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Cable Address: Emissarius, New York

Leslie Blanchard

Executive Secretary

Of that one discussion? One girl came almost to the right-about position that evening - you may have observed. Two hours with her the following day - proved this. The most critical, thoughtful student in the circle said at the end that she liked the group as a whole had been led to see & agree with their minds & the case for cooperation vs. competition. That night they were led so easily & steadily & gradually to see it as the only reasonable thing. Of course they did not become committed to it - in a single night or to see the revolutionary demands of it for each & all of us. Don't you wish we might reach the time when such a group might be together for days & weeks - with two or three like yourself - until in a small group they would reach great insights & decisions? Fletcher Farnum will be that - and think of the level from which most of those will start!

I do not like to return this pile of "Propriety" to you. We were there for only a few hours & already had a small bundle from your publishers. Maxine Beale - our office secretary is returning thirty five and money is here for fifteen. Were there to be June conferences - we could sell all & more, but times have changed! A host of good wishes and gratitude follow you for all you will do - this summer.

Affiliated with the World's Student Christian Federation
Cordially - Helen Price

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BENDINER

2115 F ST., N. W.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

consider yours the clearest and most concise statement of the non-violent radical position I have yet seen. It really is a grand job.

I regret to report that my Washington adventure has turned out rather sourly. Briefly the story is this: The Civic Education Service publishes three papers, two of which are discontinued in July and August. The practice seems to be to collect a staff in the fall, with promises of a future and raises in salary, etc., and then to fire the entire group in the spring and start all over the following September. In this way they save on summer salaries, to say nothing of the promised salary increases. We were all fired within two days, just after the two papers in question suspended for the summer, all stranded and more or less stunned.

Several likely prospects have popped up, but they are not likely to develop yet for some time, perhaps not until September. Today I turned down a lucrative post with the AAA because of an article which I wrote some time ago for the Mercury and which is due to be published in a month or so. The article is anti-administration, and I felt that in view of my attitude it would be quite impossible to take a government job. I expect to do some intensive free-lance work in the next few weeks and hope for the best.

BENDINER

2115 F ST., N. W.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 27, 1935

Dear Kirby,

Thanks for the copy of "Property," which I read with great interest. As you probably know, I cannot wholly agree with the position you take since I strongly feel that too much emphasis is placed on a preconceived idea of what tactics will be necessary in the moment of crisis. Why should it not be possible for all who desire the same end to work toward that end without dissipating their energies on a question which may very well never arise? Both Socialists and Communists run for office in the elections. Both strive ostensibly to attain power with a minimum of violence. If, when the day comes that the overturn is imminent, it should become plain that violence must be ~~introduced~~ introduced, it will be because that course is thrust upon the revolutionists by force of circumstance. In no case could it really be violence on any major scale, I believe. That would in all likelihood be left for the counter-revolution, if there is one. The revolution, like most major revolutions would probably be accomplished without bloodshed. Therefore, why talk about violence and what we should or should not do when the crisis for which we are working arrives? Nevertheless, Kirby, allow me to remark that I

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Should you get wind of any opening which you think I could fill, I would be very grateful for a chance to present my case. I have had some rather intensive journalistic training down here and have been turning out an average of 2,000 words a week on government affairs. It may just be that you will learn of some editorial vacancy in the course of your travels.

Aside from our immediate financial difficulties, Kathryn and I are finding things working out beautifully, and she asks to join me in sending our kindest regards to yourself and to Mrs. Page.

As ever,

W. A. B.



MAINE CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
ORONO, MAINE

May 27, 1935.

Mr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Kirby:

I greatly regret the attitude taken by Professor Lyon, which of course is unjustified by the facts. However, I doubt whether his statements have had any great effect among his colleagues, for he has no reputation for knowledge along these lines. While it was desirable to make your position clear, to draw any further public attention to Professor Lyon's statement would, I am sure, magnify its influence out of all proportion to its desert.

I am sorry that you should have had this happen in connection with your visit to Bangor and Orono, and can sense how important it is that misunderstanding regarding your true position should not arise. The struggle goes on here, and I am at present in the midst of a series of committee meetings in which I am arguing that our Board owes it to those who are opposed to military means of settling disputes to take a definite stand against compulsory military drill and to do everything possible to secure the cooperation of other agencies in an effort to get legislative enactment of a bill to make the courses here voluntary. It is hard and unhappy going, but I intend to do the best I can. The decision, which almost certainly will be contrary to my desires, will be made on June 6th.

OK / We sold some of the books you sent in connection with your visit, and kept the balance, hoping to sell more. The unsold ones we will return in a few days, and we will remit the money soon also. Your books in our library have been used considerably, and have been most helpful. Nevin Sayre was here in March, and strengthened the hands of the ministers of Bangor, especially. The newspapers there certainly have been on the trail of the ministers for their stand on drill in the high school, and they gave great prominence to the address of Mr. Winsor, the militarist Baptist minister of Bangor, made at the memorial service yesterday attended by the veterans' organization. It was an address to give great comfort to any militarist, and to test the restraint of our ministerial brethren, believe me!

Joy to you heart and strength to your soul, as you go about doing good!

Sincerely, *Cecile Fielder*



SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
ORONO, MAINE

May 27, 1935

Mr. Kirby Page
347 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Page:

I am in receipt of your letter of May 23 in regard to the statement made by Professor Lyon and I feel that you are entirely justified in the attitude that you take. I am glad to have your letter.

Sincerely yours,

O. S. Lutes

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May 28, 1935

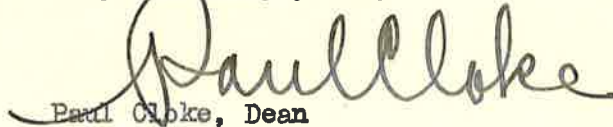
Mr. Kirby Page
347 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Page:

I have your letter of May 23rd
referring to the conduct of Professor A. C. Lyon.

I, personally, regret very much
that this incident has occurred and feel that in
justice to yourself that Professor Lyon should make
known his proofs, if he has any, or else retract the
statement, if it is true that he has stated as you
assert.

Very sincerely yours,


Paul Cloke, Dean

THE RECTORY

May 28, 1935

My dear Mr. Page:

Bishop Scarlett has asked me to write you about a little booklet we are getting together for young people in the Diocese of Missouri. I wish we were well enough off to put a copy of "Living Triumphantly" in the hands of each of our young people, but we can't do that. Instead, we are planning a series of daily readings from various sources--much as you have done--interspersed with appropriate prayers. It is to be a small paper-bound booklet we will publish ourselves and distribute.

Under these circumstances, Bishop Scarlett thought you might be willing to tell me what your procedure was when you drew from so many sources for the cycle of readings. In each case did you obtain consent of the publisher, or was simply crediting a source sufficient? Or did you have to secure permission in some cases and not in others? In order to save both time and ~~work~~ I am much concerned and would appreciate any advice about handling the thing which you can give me.

With deep admiration for what you have done and are doing, I am

Cordially yours

Robert Fevin

Mr. Kirby Page

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DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
GREENCASTLE, INDIANA

May 30, 1935.

Mr. Sherwood Eddy,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York, New York.

My dear Mr. Eddy:

Replying to your letter of May twenty-first relative to Stanley Jones' new book, "Christ's Alternative to Communism," let me say that I read it carefully and reviewed it for the New York Christian Advocate.

I am very interested to note that you feel that the proposed remedies are inadequate. That is my own impression, and I so stated in the review. I feel with you, however, that the book contains material of great value.

The question you raise concerning a ninety-six page pamphlet presents some difficulties. I am of the opinion that Stanley Jones would gladly relinquish any profits he might receive if the book might serve a greater constituency. The Methodist Book Concern, which publishes it, is not a profit-making organization. It is true that the individual book is sold at a profit. But the total returns from the Book Concern are used to help support our retired preachers. The result is that the enterprise itself is really a co-operative undertaking wherein returns go to a certain needy group.

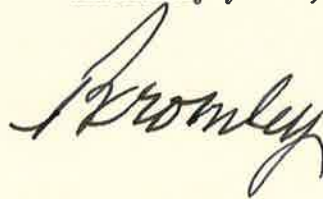
I doubt very much if the Book Concern would give its consent as you suggest. I know from some experience I have had with the Concern in the matter of securing permission to reprint a chapter from a book which was put out for me. Objections were raised since they felt the sale of a single chapter might interfere with the sale of the book itself. There is some force to the Book Concern's argument for this reason--many books are published which bring no return at all. Occasionally a book is put out that has a wide sale. The returns from the wider sales help to balance the losses from the books that sell at a loss.

Mr. Sherwood Eddy - 2.

In the light of these facts, if you wish to go forward in the matter, I shall be very happy to write Dr. John Langdale, book editor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, and secure his advice. We might then take the matter up with the management of the Book Concern itself. I know the responsible parties in that connection.

With all good wishes, believe me

Ever sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "G. Bromley Oxnam". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

G. Bromley Oxnam.

GBO:EH

MRS. SARAH J. SWIFT
124 RUSSELL STREET
WORCESTER, MASS.

May 31-1935

My dear Friend,

Kirby Page

I know I have reason to feel ashamed, because I did not reply to your interesting letter with first appeal. I have been more slow in giving while ~~that~~ Man in the White House continues to alarm ~~Utilities~~ holders of Utilities as to their losses. I enclose Check \$2.00. which may be a little help for the "powerful pacifist Movement" as mentioned in your former letter. I was glad to receive the Folder with the good picture. But I do not often see you with closed lips, concealing the smile. I have not been real well, with eyes that hurt and just now my fingers are too stiff to write pretty after Rheumatism -- and a case of old age with too much of mental activities.

MRS. SARAH J. SWIFT
124 RUSSELL STREET
WORCESTER, MASS.

As you have been so interested in getting the opinion or decisions of ministers I must tell you what Dr Roy said in his Sunday Sermon in the big Baptist Church. "I would deny Church Membership to one who said he would go to War". Next day Reporter inquired of several ministers their opinion about it. it was such strong Expression against ~~it~~ what was preached it was not published. Both Dr Macy and Dr Roy had been engaged to give Memorial Day addresses but they were turned down because of their Expressions for Peace. I am so glad to think of you at Whittier and near the College. And that you have become acquainted with the dear Mendenhalls.

Cordially yours
Sarah J Swift

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

BROADWAY AT 120TH STREET

NEW YORK

May 31, 1935

Mr. Kirby Page
Box 247
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

I am making note of the dates that you indicated in your letter of May 28th. I hope to attend the meetings of the Fellowship Group more regularly this coming year. I missed three discussions this past year and regretted it very much.

I am glad to know that you and President Mendenhall of Whittier College are starting a Fellowship Group in Southern California.

Your account of your new home was most intriguing. I wish it would be possible for me to help you build it.

Looking forward to seeing you on
October 10th,

Sincerely,

Charles C. Webber

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Mr Kirby Page
La Habra Calif.

Dear Bro. Page: Your letter of the 15th at hand.
Also your Booklet on "Property" for which
I wish to thank you.
So sorry that your time is so taken
that you cannot contribute an article for a
Chapter for my book: "Public Enemies" or
"Present Perils of Youth & America."

Perhaps the subject I suggested "Paralyzed
Patriotism" would not suit you as well as some
other subject you could choose or some writing
you may already have if rearranged would
be satisfactory for book.

I forgot to tell you that I will not publish
my book until September. Since hearing you
speak in Columbus and reading some of your
writings I would be very glad if you could

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help me with my book effort, a little.

Senator Morris Shepherd is writing a Chapter on
the Liquor Problem. Senator D.P. Nye on "The Munition
Racket" Dr Winfield Scott Hall on "Societies Scourge
Venereal Disease" or "The Social Evil" Fred Eastman
Wm. S. Chase Mrs Cathryn Cooke Gilman in the
Morries Chas M Fillmore "Complaints vs the
Cigarette" Henry N. Pringle "Gambling" ect ect.

Others to hear from some no doubt favorably.
Dr. Dan A. Poling's subject "Youth: The Greatest Long
Concern."

Make you can look over your
schedule and some of your material and
be able to furnish me an article by
Sept. If so I will be very glad.

Trusting to hear from you soon
I beg to remain your Sincerely
Carl Vernon Roop